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C. R. IS HOME MINISTER

Reshuffle Of Cabinet

PRAKASA FOR NEW RESEARCH MINISTRY

Commerce & Industry Joined, For Mahatab

GOPALASWAMY TO GET STATES ALSO

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26. (PTI).

A REORGANISATION OF THE CENTRAL SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENTS "WITH A VIEW TO GREATER ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY AND AS A MEASURE OF ECONOMY" WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CABINET SECRETARIAT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TONIGHT.

By an order of the President, made under Article 77(3) of the Constitution, the existing Ministries of Commerce, Industry and Supply; Works, Mines and Power; and the Department of Scientific Research, have been reconstituted into three new Ministries. These are: the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; the Ministry of Works, Production and Supply; and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research.

Simultaneously with this reorganisation, which will be completed by February 1, 1951, the Cabinet Secretariat also announced a redistribution of portfolios among the existing Ministers. The Ministry of Home Affairs has been allotted to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, while the Ministry of States goes to Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, in addition to his present portfolio of Transport.

The Ministry of Works, Production and Supply has been allotted to Mr. N. V. Gadgil, who is at present holding the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power. Mr. Hare Krushna Mahatab gets the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, while Mr. Sri Prakasa, at present holding the Commerce portfolio, will now be in charge of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research.

The other Ministers will continue to hold their present portfolios.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, has given instructions that the reorganisation of the Ministries, in accordance with the President's order, should be taken up immediately and should be completed by February 1, 1951. A committee of the Cabinet consisting of Messrs. C. Rajagopalachari, N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar and C. D. Deshmukh, has been set up to give effect to the President's order.

CHANGES

As a result of the reorganisation, insurance and company law, at present being handled by the Commerce Ministry, will now be handled by the Finance Ministry, while the Hindustan Aircraft Factory of Bangalore will now be under the Defence Ministry.

With the creation of the new Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research, the subject of irrigation (including Central Water-Power Irrigation and Navigation Board, which is in charge of the river valley projects), mines and power will hereafter be taken away from the Works, Mines and Power Ministry and handed over to the new Ministry under Mr. Sri Prakasa. He will also handle mines and Geological Survey.

Mr. Gadgil will now handle the production and distribution of salt and coal, Government industrial undertakings transferred from the existing Industry and Supply Ministry, the supply including purchase and disposal of stores, and other subjects at present being dealt with by the Works Ministry and not transferred to the new Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research.

Mr. Mahatab will handle the subjects dealt with by the Commerce Ministry at present and the subjects dealt with in the Industry and Supply Ministry excepting those transferred to the Works, Production and Supply Ministry.

LIST

The following is the list of Ministers and Ministers of State with their portfolios.

Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru—Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari—Home Affairs.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad—Education.

Mr. Chintaman Deshmukh—Finance.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar—Transport and States.

Mr. Hare Krushna Mahatab—Commerce and Industry.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil—Works, Production and Supply.

Mr. Sri Prakasa—Natural Resources and Scientific Research.

Mr. Baldev Singh—Defence.

Mr. K. M. Munshi—Food and Agriculture.

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai—Communications.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur—Health.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram—Labour.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar—Law.

Mr. R. R. Diwakar—Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting.

Mr. K. Santhanam—Transport.

Mr. Ajit Prasad Jain—Rehabilitation.

Mr. Satyanarain Sinha—Parliamentary Affairs.

Mr. C. C. Biswas—Minorities.

BUSINESS ALLOCATION

The business of the Government of Ministry of Industry and Supply, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power, and the Department of Scientific Research shall be allocated among the Ministries as follows:—

Ministry of Commerce and Industry.—

(1) All existing subjects at present dealt with in the Ministry of Commerce, excluding (A) insurance (B) company law.

(2) All existing subjects at present dealt with in the Ministry of Industry and Supply excluding the following:—

(A) Supply, including purchase and disposal of stores.

(B) Production and distribution of salt.

(C) Production and distribution of coal.

(D) Government industrial undertakings.

Ministry of Works, Production and Supply:—

(1) All existing subjects at present dealt with in the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power, excluding the following:—

(A) Mines.

(B) Geological Survey.

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Now Things Are Moving!

AGRA, Dec. 26 (UPI): A move to build a 24-mile-long road from Dholpur to Bharatpur via Ralakhera has been undertaken by the peasants of Dholpur State. The undertaking is wageless and voluntary and seeks no aid from the Government.

Singing national songs over 2,000 workers with spades and baskets in their hands go to work every day to construct the road. Most of the workers, it is reported, sustain themselves on one meal a day



The Prime Minister of Australia Mr. R.G. Menzies arrived in New Delhi on Monday afternoon en route to London for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference. Photo shows: Prime Minister of India Mr. Nehru, Mrs. Menzies, Miss Menzies, Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Mr. H. R. Gollan the Australian High Commissioner in India.

VILLAGE REPUBLICS A SPECIALTY OF INDIA

Dr. Katju On Need To Preserve This Ancient Feature

CALCUTTA, December 26. (U.P.I.).

"INDIA'S great contribution to political thought has been a system of village republics which, weathering all storms, continued to preserve the people from extinction throughout these countries," observed Governor Kailash Nath Katju inaugurating the 13th session of the Indian Political Science Conference at the Calcutta University Senate Hall this afternoon.

Dr. Katju said the village community always ruled over itself, and the Panchayat was merely, so to say, its working committee continuously dependent upon the approval of the community as a whole. This harmonious blending of local self-government on the widest scale throughout the length and breadth of the country with a strong Central Government under the aegis of a powerful monarch assisted by his ministers was to be found in India and nowhere else. It was a matter of gratification, he said, that this ancient feature had been preserved in the Indian constitution."

Speaking on the Republic of India's constitution, the Governor said: "The Indian constitution rests formally upon adult franchise, but in substance it rests upon wide public discussion. Freedom of speech within the limits recognised by law is the very breath of our constitution. It is the basic principle of all democratic forms of government that freedom must be preserved at all costs.

OPPOSITION PARTY

"Adult franchise implies perfect liberty to vote as one chooses, and thus it implies a free and unfettered election. I hear sometimes talks of the necessity of opposition in legislative assemblies, but surely there is no virtue in opposition by itself. Unanimity and common consent and willing cheerful obedience to the laws is the goal to be strived for.

"Opposition for opposition's sake is not commendable. Ultimately it rests upon the will of the people. If the people themselves are generally of one mind or favour one particularly policy and therefore prefer one particular party, surely no one would hold that a number of seats in Parliament or Legislative Assembly should be left open to be occupied by others of a different school of thought.

And how are these to be left open? The majority of voters in each constituency are entitled to choose a candidate of their choice, and no one of a minority group is to be thrust upon any majority simply for the purpose of securing a decent opposition in Parliament."

Lathis At Funeral Procession

PATNA, Dec. 26 (UPI): The whole town of Khatmandu got disturbed today following a lathi-charge on a funeral procession this morning, as a result of which a number of persons were injured, reports reaching here stated today

The procession was taken out with the dead body of a person who succumbed to the injuries sustained yesterday due to the lathi-charge at the meeting held to demonstrate in favour of the return of the King Tribhuvan.

Infants' Foods: Prices Fixed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): By a notification published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, the Central Government have, under the Supply and Prices of Goods Ordinance, 1950 (XXVI of 1950), fixed the maximum retail prices of certain infants foods as under:—

Horlicks 1-lb Rs. 3/8/- per bottle; Horlicks 1/2-lb Rs. 2/- per bottle.

Glaxo 1-lb Rs. 3/2 per tin; Glaxo 2-lb Rs. 5/15/- per tin.

Ostermilk 1-lb Rs. 3/3/- per tin; Ostermilk 2-lb Rs. 6/- per tin.

The Persian Government has withdrawn from Parliament a bill for ratification of a supplementary oil agreement made with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

GODOWN BROKEN OPEN

BOMBAY, Tuesday:— A cloth godown belonging to Ramprakasn Durgadas at 24, Third Bhoiwada Lane, was broken open today between 1-30 and 3 p.m. and cloth bales worth Rs. 9,625 were removed, according to the Maharbowri Police. No arrests yet.

STATE TROOPS SURRENDER

Nepal Congress Report

PATNA, Dec. 26 (PTI): A contingent of unknown number of state troops sent to Jhapa, headquarters of the sub-district of the same name in Morang District, about 40 miles east of Biratnagar, surrendered to the Nepali Congress forces with all their arms and ammunition, according to a Nepali Congress report received here today.

These troops are believed to have been sent from Nepal's easternmost district of Ilam, before its headquarters was encircled by Congress forces, the report said and added the arms and ammunition surrendered to the Congress forces included two mortars, three bren guns and a large number of rifles.

Other Nepali Congress reports announced the capture of Koilabas Thana in Nepal's Western district of Dang, about 20 miles north-east of the Indian border town of Tulsipur in Gonda District of U.P., and Jhandenagar Thana in Sheoraj District of western Nepal, about a mile north of Beri station of the Oudh and Tirhut Railway in Basti District of U.P.

A medical unit, consisting of a doctor, a dresser and a compounder, was sent today with blood plasma, penicillin and other medicines by the Nepali Congress by a chartered plane to Biratnagar to attend on those injured in the fighting at Biratnagar.

Fire In Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): Fire gutted a two-acre block of buildings in a popular shopping centre in the suburbs of Melbourne today.

The fire was in the thickly populated suburb of Prahran, three miles from Melbourne.

First estimates put the damage at 200,000 sterling pounds.

DEFEAT IN KOREA WILL KILL UNITED NATIONS

Lie Says Red Aggression Must Be Stemmed

OSLO, December 26. (PTI-Reuter).

UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Trygve Lie said today that if Communist aggression in Korea was not "repulsed or stemmed", it would be impossible to realise other United Nations aims.

In a radio broadcast here, he told Scandinavian listeners, "If we lost in Korea, the only question is which country will come next."

Mr. Lie said that when half a million Chinese troops were suddenly thrown into the Korean battle, the possibility of the conflict spreading increased.

"The responsibility for this evolution lies not with the United Nations, but exclusively with those behind the scenes who are even willing to take steps which may lead to a new world war in order to further their own aims" he added.

'A realistic view of the situation, as it is today, gives me the hope that a solution will be found, a solution which is satisfactory both for a free Korean people and for the United Nations and which will lead to peace in Korea".

SYMPATHY

Mr. Lie said the world had great sympathy for China and would be glad to co-operate with her, but added, "Respect for peaceful negotiations as a means to secure international collaboration must be established.

"The sovereignty of the people must be recognised. The nations of the world must help each other and stand up together against aggression.

"That was why the Korean war was so important.

'If we succeed in finding a definite peaceful solution in Korea, we have come to a turning point in the history of the world", Mr. Lie said.

CHINESE CROSS THE PARALLEL

Small Groups Seen: Fierce U.N. Bombing

TOKYO, DECEMBER 26. (PTI-REUTER)

AMERICAN EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN KOREA ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAD CROSSED THE 38TH PARALLEL INTO SOUTH KOREA. SMALL GROUPS HAD BEEN SPOTTED ONE MILE SOUTH OF THE PARALLEL, 28 MILES NORTH OF SEOUL, WHICH CIVILIANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORDERED TO EVACUATE.

Over Christmas, ground forces were still largely inactive on both sides, though patrols met in small but sharp clashes in scattered places. But General MacArthur's intelligence reported today that the Christmas quiet masked Communist preparations for a new offensive.

Movements of troops, supplies and artillery continued, and reports received in the past 48 hours proved that Chinese Communist forces were now deployed in forward areas, these reports added.

At dawn today, American fighters and bombers took over the Allied air offensive from night Intruder bombers who had wound up heavy blows against Communist troops concentrations and supply movements throughout Christmas Day.

Up to noon, pilots had reported strafing attacks on 20 North Korean towns. Fires were started in many of them.

Jet fighters rocketed and bombed 400 Communists hiding in a valley north-east of Chunchon on the 38th parallel.

READJUSTMENT

General MacArthur, in a personal communique early today, said the withdrawal of the Tenth Corps from Hungnam on the east coast had completed the readjustment of United Nations troops forced by the Chinese entry into the Korean war.

The Allied advance towards the Manchurian border was the final test of Chinese intentions, General MacArthur stated.

It had disclosed "massive deployment of the Fourth Chinese Field Army on a formation of nine corps abreast in column divisions to an aggregate of 27 divisions with elements of the Third Field Army in initial deployment immediately to the rear."

The advance had caught the Chinese off balance and they were unable to exploit the position so as to endanger the Eighth Army, while the Tenth Corps on the flank forced the Communists to divide forces and weaken their offensive capabilities, General MacArthur added.

NEW UPSURGE

SINGAPORE: General Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of Communist China's Army was quoted by Peking Radio today as saying that victories of Chinese and North Korean troops had brought about an "unprecedented upsurge of the Chinese people's move against imperialism."

General Chu Teh was reported to have added: "Likewise they will bring about a new upsurge in the anti-imperialist struggles of the peoples of Asian countries."

The General, who is also a member of the Politburo of China's Communist Party, was speaking at a reception yesterday to welcome back China's delegation to the recent world peace conference in Warsaw.

Lieutenant General Mathew Ridgeway arrived in Korea today to take up his post as Commander of the American Eighth Army. He succeeds Lieutenant-General Walton Walker, who was killed in a road accident on December 23.

END OF POCKET DUNKIRK

TOKYO: United Nations forces left Hungnam a huge mushroom of smoke and fire when the last of their ground troops evacuated the Korean east coast port at 2-30 p.m. (local time) on Monday.

Communists killed during the thirteen-day "Pocket Dunkirk" were estimated at about 10,000. Nearly 8,000 United Nations troops and 400,000 tons of equipment were moved out successfully.

A PTI-Reuter correspondent cabled: "Tenth Corps officers had mapped out the Communists hinterland in small sectors Into these navy and army gunners pumped harassing fire 24 hours o day. The army averaged daily close on 10,000 shells. Naval warships fired more than 39,000 during the evacuation

HOTEL OWNERS ADAMANT

No Negotiations With Union

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The prospect of a settlement in the dispute between the Hotels and Restaurants Association and the Bombay Hotel Kamgar Union, contrary to earlier expectations, seemed remote, as the employers expressed their unwillingness to enter into negotiations with the Union.

Mr. Manek Shaw, the Secretary of the Association, stated late tonight that they were not prepared to negotiate with the Union as he maintained that it did not represent the majority of the workers. He, however, was agreeable to have talks with individual workers. Each case would be considered on its mertis, he added

Meanwhile, the trike entered the second day today, involving 1,800 employees of nine leading hotels in the city. The strikers continued picketing the entrances of all the affected hotels.

Trained hotel staff, who were brought down from Bangalore, Poona, Calcutta and other places substituted the strikers and according to the Association Secretary, all the hotels are working normally.

Mr. Mohamed Jaffer, President of the Hotel Kamgar Union, said today if according to the management, the demands of the workers were exorbitant, he could not understand why they should fight shy of referring the dispute to adjudication, as the Tribunal was bound to throw out unreasonable demands.

Mr. Jaffer felt that it was unfair on the part of the management to recruit outside labour and pay them thrice or four times the normal wages, while refusing to meet the legitimate demands of the workers.

VERMICULITE IN INDIA

Large Quantities Discovered

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): Considerable quantities of vermiculite, a mineral of limited supply and increasing demand from world markets, are believed to exist near Ajmer-Merwara.

A geological report disclosing this says that the find is of considerable interest because till recently the geologists have had no knowledge of the presence of vermiculite in India.

Vermiculite is finding increased industrial application in view of its inherent property of extreme lightness, fair refractoriness and its low conductivity to heat and sound. It is being used for insulation against heat in construction purposes in air-conditioning, cold storage and refrigeration.

Vermiculite plaster with gypsum is extensively used for spund absorbing purposes. During the last war vermiculite concrete slabs were used as fire-resisting roofs or for fire-proofing fuel storage tanks, etc.

The bulk of the world output of Vermiculite occurs in the United States. Quantities also occur in South Africa, Australia and Russia. A search for this mineral is being made in many other countries.

Geologists have recommended further examination of the Ajmer-Merwar find.

Point Four Aid For India

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED TOMORROW

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): An agreement between India and the United States Governments for technical aid to India under President Truman's Point Four Plan will be signed in Delhi on December 28, it was learned today.

The agreement, a bilateral one, will cover the aid that would be made available to India under the Point Four Plan. Under the agreement India is expected to get technical assistance of the value of about 2.4 million dollars during the current year. The United States Congress some time ago voted a total aid of 34 million dollars for technical assistance under the Point Four Plan. Of this nearly eleven million dollars were to be made available under bilateral pacts.

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The fare for children between the ages of 3 and 12 years will be half-anna for all distances.

The Special Half-anna Adult Fare for journeys betwen

(a) King's Circle and Dadar

and

(b) Gowalia Tank and Grant Road will continue as at present.

Passengers are requested to board cars only after ascertaining whether they are proceeding direct to their destination so that they may take advantage of the flat fare of one anna.

The following new direct routes have been introduced for the convenience of passengers consequent on the abolition of transfer tickets:—

(a) Service No. 1 from King's Circle to Museum.

(b) Service No. 6 from King's Circle to Sassoon Dock.

(c) Service No. 9 from Parel to Cruickshank Road.

(d) Service No. 16 from Gowalia Tank to Sassoon Dock.

(e) Service No. 19 from Sandhurst Bridge to Museum.

(f) Service No. 22 from Tank Bunder to Museum.

Direct services have thus been provided for one anna fare over longer distances, thereby reducing the occasions for transfer from one tram to another.

Service No. 10 will run at top speed with effect from 1st January, 1951, and within a few months all tram services will run at maximum speeds.

D/20-12-1950.

TRAFFIC MANAGER.

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SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY

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Remittance by any other means will not be accepted. Tender forms will not be sent by V.P.P and they are not transferable.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 30th December, 1950, as the Government of Bombay has declared that day a Public Holiday in Greater Bombay and the Cities of Poona, Ahmedabad, Nasik, Deolali, Surat, Broach, Sholapur, Nadiad, Godhra, Dhulia, Jalgaum, Belgaum, Hubli and Gadag, under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 to enable Banks to make up their annual accounts.

C. W. MIDDLETON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 21st December, 1950.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE MUNSIFF MAGISTRATE COURT, ARMOUR, NIZAMABAD DIST.

Dated, 20-12-1950

To,

(1) GANGU w/o Limbagiri of Hindu (carpenter) caste aged 30 years, inhabitant of Ramannapeth P. S. 791 Reva Peth, Poona No. 2, Bombay.

(2) HANMANTH RAO s/o Limbia of Hindu (Carpenter), caste aged 60 years, inhabitant of Ramannapeth P. S. 791/ Reva Peth, Poona No. 2, Bombay.

(3) RUKHMA BAI w/o Hanmanth Rao of Hindu caste, aged 50 years inhabitant of Ramannapeth P. S. 791/ Reva Peth, Poona No. 2, Bombay.

SUBJECT—sent for the "Restitution of conjugal rights" Whereas Limbagiri, s/o Narsialu of Hindu (Carpenter), caste aged 45 years of Balkonda, has instituted a suit against you for restitution of conjugal rights. You were summoned many a times to appear in this court but the summons were not duly served to you—On the request of the plaintiff, you are hereby informed to appear in this court in person on Thursday the 11th January 1951, at 10-30 a. m. to answer the claims, and you are directed to produce on the day all the documents, upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

TAKE NOTICE that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will oe heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, Today 20th December, 1950.

P. VENKATA RAJESHWAR RAO.
Munsiff Magistrate
Armur Nizamabad (Dt.)

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AUCTION SALES

IN ACCORDANCE with section 88, 184, & 119 of the Sea Customs Act 1878 under instruction from the Collector of Customs Bombay MENESSEE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst. at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the New Custom House, Ballard Road Unclaimed, Uncleared and Confiscated goods such as Wrist watches, Eau-de-Cologne: Imitation Jari: Perfume: Silk Yarn: Hosiery: Filtering cotton waste: wearing Apparels: Photographic Materials: Radio Sets: 3 Cases armstrong adhesive: 27 Pkgs Florescent Tubes: 125 Jottas Phillips Milk of Magnesia & other Misc. goods.



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ORISSA NEWS LETTER:

NO PROGRESS ON ZAMINDARI BILL

Opposition Refuses To Serve In Committees

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CUTTACK (By Mail).

THE MUCH ADVERTISED ZAMINDARY ABOLITION BILL OF THE ORISSA CONGRESS MINISTRY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF WHICH THE SPECIAL WINTER SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE WAS POPULARLY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN CONVENED, FAILED TO EMERGE FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE WHICH ADJOURNED SINE DIE, AFTER A DULL AND CHEQUERED SESSION.

Besides a few official bills mostly of an amending nature which were rushed through with lightning speed, the Contingent Fund Bill authorising a sum of Rs. 35 lakhs to be kept in the hands of the Governor to meet the expenditures on unforeseen circumstances created interest. The point of order raised by the members of the Opposition that the bill could not be taken up due to want of time was ruled out by the Speaker Hon'ble Mr. Lal Mohan Patnaik as "technically right but substantially unjustified."

BATTLE OF WORDS

Following a tough battle of words, the Opposition refused to serve in the various Standing Committees appointed by the Government after passing a legislation for the purpose. The contention of the opposition was that the long standing assurances of the former Finance Minister to appoint an Estimates Committee having not been formed as yet there was no meaning in the constitution of such powerless Standing Committees. These Committees, they held would result only in the criminal waste of public money to be drawn as travelling allowances by the members of these committees, to which they would not be a party.

The new Chief Minister, Mr. Naba Krushna Chaudhury was put to a most awkward position during the discussion on the bill relating to the formation of Standing Committees when he had to silently swallow his own words obviously uttered due to tactlessness.

Before the Bill was passed Mr. Chaudhury replying to the critics from the side of opposition had offered to withdraw the bill if the Opposition was really very serious in its protest against the measure. When it was put to vote Com. Badyanath Rath (Labour) demanded a division and the bill was passed with a sheer numerical majority most of the members of the opposition solidly voting against it. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Lokanath Misra could not get any reply from the Chief Minister when the latter was asked, "Is the Leader of the House prepared to withdraw the Bill now that the sincerity of the opposition has been established?"

MYSTERIOUS MOTION

Lobby circles wondered about the methods adopted by the Speaker in disposing of an allegedly serious motion said to have been tabled by a nominated member, censuring the action of the Chair in expunging certain operative portions of a sensational speech made on the floor of the House, during the August session of the Assembly, wherein very grave allegations against the former Chief Minister of Orissa and the present Industry and Supply Minister, Mr. Hare Krushna Mahatab were reported to have been made by a former Congress member of the House and now unattached. It is now learnt from the local daily "Prajatantra" that the members of the opposition who insisted on the discussion on the mysterious motion being disallowed by the Speaker were sternly warned by the Chair that such a discussion would not only be not allowed but would not find place in the Assembly records nor would it be published. Later enquiries reveal that the member who sought the permission of the Chair to move the motion in question was Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu who, in spite of his serious illness was present on the opening day, lest his motion should fall through. It is further gathered on good authority that prompt action is being taken by the Speaker against the offending journal under the control of Mr. Mahatab for its unauthorised disclosure of the discussion (evidently carelessly) on the floor of the House on the above disallowed motion.

Besides the known critics of the opposition who invariably found some stick or the other to beat the Government with, the surprise of the session was provided by a few colleagues of the Congress Ministry itself to pass uncharitable remarks when a bill relating to construction of and repairs to public and private embankments came up for discussion. One such unkind colleague of the ministry was Mr. Radhanath Rath who alleged that lakhs of rupees were being spent without the least hesitation for the construction of shops in Bhubaneswar while the Minister in charge of P.W.D. had plainly told him (Rath) that there was no money to be spent for the construction of embankments in the worst affected Dharamshala area. Mr. Rath had earlier exposed the shortcomings of the present ministry in regard to the unsatisfactory methods adopted to legalise the unauthorised expenditure of more than Rs. 37 lakhs last year.

Interesting interpellations during the short session centred round the Secretariat (Publicity Dept.) Godown Fire, the Sadhu-Police clash at Puri during Ratha Jatra and the Central Government Expert's report on the Capital Construction at Bhubaneswar. Answering questions and searching supplimentaries on these subjects the Chief Minister said that the Police enquiry into the Secretariat fire of June 1, is likely to be published soon but the exact loss or damage to radio sets and cinema equipments, etc. could not be disclosed at present. Government are taking necessary steps suggested by the Special Officer who enquired into the Sadhu-Police clash but they (Government) do not consider the publication of the report desirable in public interest. Similar was the case with Capital construction enquiry report the contents of which are still under examination of the Government, he said.

UNITY IN PEPSU CONGRESS RANKS

Representation To A. I. C. C.

PATIALA, Dec. 26 (PTI): About a hundred Congressmen from different districts of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union who met here today urged the AICC to order implementation of the award recently given by Mr. Mohanlal Gautam, General Secretary, to bring about unity in Congress ranks in PEPSU.

The meeting, in a resolution said that it accepted the award and reiterated its demand for an inquiry into the alleged irregularities and malpractices in the last Congress elections in PEPSU.

It also urged the establishment of an ad hoc committee in place of the existing Provincial Congress Committee.

By another resolution the meeting requested the States Ministry of the Government of India and the Congress High Command to reconsider the question of installing a popular Ministry in PEPSU in place of the existing Care-Taker Ministry.

INDIA HAS NO DICTATORSHIP

Ram Sharma's Reply To Critics Of Nehru

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (UPI): "The emergence of a democratic sovereign Republic of India could not have, by itself, solved any of our major problems. It could only remove that sense of frustration from which many of our best minds suffered in the past because they could not find it possible to serve their country fruitfully" said Sri Ram Sharma, Principal of the D.A.V. College, Sholapur, addressing the thirteenth session of the Indian Political Science Conference held here at Senate House this afternoon.

He added: "now that we are masters in our own house, we have to tackle all our problems ourselves, but if our efforts are to be successful in a democratic way, it is necessary that we make of politics the greatest and most honourable adventure."

"A very significant feature of Government at the Centre and in the States, he added, "has been the absence of a strong opposition. Some critics have tried to read into it dictatorship of a single party. Such critics seem to miss the very nature of the one Party State. Such states do not permit candidates of any other party to contest the elections. Fascist and Bolshevist states never permit members of the legislatures to desert the party in power and organize an opposition. All such attempts are dealt with as treason and members concerned are quietly and sometimes publicly made impotent to do any harm, if not liquidated'. Nothing like this can be suggested to have happened in India.

Asian Conference On Cooperation

KARACHI, December 26 (PTI): The First Asian Technical Conference on co-operation commenced its eight-day session today. The conference is being held under the auspices of the I.L.O. It was inaugurated by Pirzada Abdus Satar, Pakistan's Minister for Labour and Agriculture.

Mr. Zahid Husain, Governor, State Bank of Pakistan and leader of the Pakistan Delegation was elected Chairman of the conference.

India is represented at the conference by Mr. K. C. Ryan, Registrar, of Co-operative Societies, Madras.

The conference has before it the following agenda:- General discussion on practical application of measures for co-operative development; Establishment of organic or working relationships between co-operatives; Training of co-operative office bearers and employees and co-operative organisation of small scale cottage and handicraft industries.

FACE THE PROBLEMS REALISTICALLY

Nehru's Call To People

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26, (PTI).

THE Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, today advised people in this country not to think in terms of slogans or 'isms' but to face the problems realistically.

He was inaugurating the eleventh annual general session of the Indian Chemical Manufacturers' Asin these matter.

Devoting his speech almost entirely to a suggestion by the President of the Association, Dr. K. A. Hamied that the country should choose between cent per cent nationalisation and cent per cent free enterprise, Mr. Nehru said one should not be dogmatic in these matters.

Even in the United States—the "High Priest of Free Enterprise"—the nature of capitalism was changing and today one person in five in the United States was stated to be a Government employee.

In the Soviet Union, which was said to be based on pure Marxism, they inerpreted Marxism just as they liked and he was quite certain Marx would be astonished if he saw the various interpretations. In their own way they were realists and they went on adapting their policy which they considered for the moment was good for their country.

MAIN CONFLICT

The present-day conflict between the various forces represented by Communism on the one side and some kind of democratic socialism that was gradually developing in various degrees on the other side was not going to be decided by fierce argument. It would not be decided even on the battlefield. Ultimately, it would be decided by people seeing which methods yielded the best results, not necessarily the methods they had before them but any intermediate method or any other method.

People in India should therefore, try to understand their problems as realistically as possible, for the moment avoiding words like capitalism, socialism, communism or any other 'isms'.

"Let us sit down and consider here is a job to be done for India". He said 'we want so much food, so much clothing, so much housing, so much education, so much health. Let us set about thinking how to get them. You will have to produce the goods and distribute them properly.

NOT WISE ENOUGH

Against a certain background, said Mr. Nehru, American capitalism built up a strong position in 150 years. These conditions were absent in India. Talking in general terms, it could be said that private enterprise in this country was not wise enough. It might be clever in making money but it just was not wise enough. It did not see what was happening all around.

In the modern world, said Mr. Nehru, obviously "the only objective you can set before yourself is in raising the standards of the people. No democracy can behave in a way which ignores the widespread urges of the people. If any Government tries to ignore them, that Government is pushed aside and others come in. Whether they are better or worse is immaterial. In the modern world it is not possible to go back to the old laissez-faire policy. No country in the world, barring one, is doing it and if you think in those terms, it is unreal thinking. How far the State can come in and how far there should be co-operation (between the State and private enterprise), etc., is a matter for consideration. The test is that of getting results and the results are not the accumulation of private fortunes but the advancement of the public generally."

INDIAN DRUGS HAVE QUALITY

Earlier, Dr. K. A. Hamied, President of the Indian Chemical Manufacturers' Association, in his presidential address said that on the development of the chemical industry depended "the future progress and advancement of the country."

"For the achievement of this aim," he added, a co-ordinated effort by the Government and private individuals is essential."

Referring to the progress made by the chemical and pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Hamied said that the "standard of drugs and medicines made in India is of the highest quality and equal to the world's best. But a prejudice among the medical men and even amongst the public against Indian drugs still persists which is the result of well-planned propaganda by foreign interests, and to a feeling of inferiority complex due to long foreign rule."

Dr. Hamied suggested that restrictions on import of basic raw materials required by the chemical industry which still persisted should be removed. If imports were to be restricted, he said, the Government should restrict the import of finished drugs and medicines.

Transport Advisory Board Meeting

MADRAS, Dec. 26 (PTI).—The Government of India have convened a meeting of the Transport Advisory Board in Delhi on January 29 and 30, to consider transport problems, it was officially learnt here today.

All States including part (B) States will be represented at the meeting.

Active Co-operation Of People Essential

'VITAL FACTOR IN SUCCESS OF HEALTH SCHEMES

SHOLAPUR, Dec. 26, (PTI).

DR. T. N. BANERJEE, former Principal of the Patna Medical College, told the All India Medical Conference here today that active co-operation of the people was a vital factor in the success of any health schemes of the country.

To make the people health-conscious he suggested the setting up of local health committees in each village or at least one such committee attached to each village panchayat. Health education should also be imparted to children from the primary school stage and continued throughout the higher stages, he added.

Dr. Banerjee, who was presiding over the twenty-seventh session of the Conference here this morning appealed to the medical profession to resolve to serve the people not only by ministering to the sick but by guiding them in living hygienic life, preventing disease and promoting positive health. He also asked the profession to help in settling and rehabilitating the medical men and women who had been dislodged from their homes in East Bengal.

CO-ORDINATED PLAN

Dr. Banerjee welcomed Government's decision to constitute a General Council of Health and said this would strengthen the bonds of unity between the centre and the States. The public health problem in India was one and indivisible and it could be imposed as a whole only when the component units of the country pursued a coordinated plan of action.

"Social customs, habits and prejudices which stand in the way of progress must be gently and tactfully modified or removed and the morale of the people must be built up," he added.

On indigenous systems of medicine, Dr. Banerjee said that students who took up these systems should first graduate themselves from a college of modern medicine and then undergo a course of training in indigenous system in one of the State research or post graduate institutions.

DR. COOPER'S ADDRESS

Dr. R. N. Cooper, Bombay, inaugurating the conference, called upon the medical men of the country to join in large numbers the Indian Medical Association and strengthen the organisation. He said their voice would be heard by Government only when they were united.

Declaring open an exhibition of drugs and chemicals arranged in conjunction with the conference, Mr. P. M. Nabar, Controller of Drugs and Chemicals, Government of India, dealt with the growth of the indigenous drug industry in India.

About 1,000 delegates from all over the country participated in the proceedings. Messages received on the occasion wishing the conference success included those from Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, Government of India, Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Mr. Morarji Desai and Mr. M. M. Naik Nimbalkar, Ministers of Bombay State.

Fire Breaks Out Aboard Ship: 2 Dead

LONDON, December 26 (PTI-Reuter): The Skipper and Chief Engineer of the 580-ton Swedish vessel Ronnskar (Stockholm) died after a fire broke out aboard in the River Thames, yesterday.

The Skipper, found unconscious from heat and smoke in his cabin, died before reaching hospital. The Chief Engineer was found dead in his cabin.

Ambulances stood by while firemen fought the blaze which they brought under control in 45 minutes. The fire gutted the superstructure of the vessel.

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF TRADE MARK

Case Against Karachi Paper

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec. 26: The first case of its kind, regarding the infringement of copyright of a newspaper's name, has been registered here by Mir Khalilur Rehman proprietor of the 'Daily Jung' against Mr. Inam Nabi Pardesi, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the 'Qaumi Jung', under Sections 483, 486 and 420 P. P. C. alleging that the accused by using a similer nameplate had counterfeited a trade mark, more particularly when its appearance was almost similar to the existing Urdu newspaper 'Daily Jung'.

The City Magistrate, accordingly, issued a search warrant on the strength of which, the police raided the office of 'Qaumi Jung' on Robson Road and seized a number of copies of this new Urdu daily.

This tug-of-war between two newspapers has created much interest amongst the public here.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY CENTENARY

Government To Issue Special Stamps

BOMBAY, Tuesday: (PTI): A special Indian postage two-anna stamp to mark the centenary of the "Geological Survey of India, January1 1951", will be in circulation throughout India on January 13, it was learned here.

According to the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, sales of these special stamps will be made only at the head post offices and Philatelic Bureaux in India.

A photograph of the stamp bearing the designs and description has been exhibited in the Bombay G. P. O. Philatelic Bureau.

The design adopted by the staff artists of the Indian Security Press in Nasik is from a sketch supplied by the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power.

THIEF JUMPS DOWN, BUT CAUGHT

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Tukaram Dhondu, who had effected his entry into a house on the first floor of a building to commit theft, jumped down when he was spotted by a watchman.

He sustained severe injuries as a result of the fall. He was, however, caught and handed over to the police.

Menzies Meets Nehru

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, called on Prime Minister Nehru today at the External Affairs Ministry and was with him for 80 minutes.

Earlier Mr. Menzies laid a wreath at Mahatma Gandhi's "Samadhi" at Rajghat.

The Secretary to the Australian External Affairs Department, Mr. A. S. Watt, called on Mr. Girja Shankar Bajpai.

REORIENTATION OF HINDU SABHA POLICY

No Decision At Poona: Matter Referred Back

POONA, December 26, (PTI): The Subjects Committee of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha failed today to come to any decision over the issue of reorientation of the Mahasabha policy and referred back the matter to Provincial Hindu Sabhas.

The Provincial bodies, in a resolution adopted by the Subjects Committee, have been asked to give their opinion before the end of March next, after which the Working Committee will call a special session of the Sabha to take the final decision.

The Subjects Committee, when it met today, had two resolution, for its consideration. The first was the Moradabad resolution of the Working Committee which sought to throw open the doors of Mahasabha to non-Hindus so far as its parliamentary activities were concerned, and the other resolution recommended that the Sabha should take a lead to form a new political party styled "the Nationalist Democratic Party", open to all and a separate organisation by itself.

STIFF OPPOSITION

It is understood that both these resolutions met with very stiff opposition, particularly from delegates from the north India, who wanted to maintain the "status quo". These sections were not even prepared to accept the suggestion of the Working Committee and it is learnt, they found a supporter in Mr. V. G. Deshpande, Organising Secretary of the Mahasabha, who though a member of the Working Committee, sought the permission of the President to oppose its resolution.

The President, Dr. N. B. Khare, it is understood, pointed out that the aims and objects of the Hindu Sabha envisaged co-operation with "nationals" of the country, a term, which he said, included others besides Hindus. The opposing section was not prepared to agree to this interpretation and said that the use of term "nationals" included only Hindu

With such strong opposition against it, members of the Working Committee are said to have made the Moradabad resolution a matter of prestige to them and pointed out that they could not possibly rescind a resolution of which they were the authors and its defeat would imply "no-confidence" of the Subjects Committee in them

Sensing this, a member of Maharashtra is reported to have proposed the postponement of the consideration of subject, a move which though opposed, was accepted by a majority vote.

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CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

WEDNESDAY Dec. 27.
Hindu: Magsar Vad 3, 2007.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 17, 1370.
Parsi: Tir 26 1320.
Sunrise 7-10 a.m., Sunset 6-10 p.m.
Hightide 02-00, 13-38.
Lowtide 08-14, 19-33.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

FOZDAR HASMUKHLAL MOTILAL—died on 26th December, 1950. Uthamna ceremony at 5 P.M. on 28th December at his residence Lily Court, Churchgate Reclamation.

Today's Engagements

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: Meeting at Corporation Hall, 3-30 p.m.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: Mass drill display by Municipal School children at Gilder Tank Maidan, Grant Road, 8-30 a.m. Mr. S. K. Patil Mayor of Bombay will preside.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Mr. D. N Pritt will address the Group on "Iron Curtain" at Green's Hotel, 6-15 p.m.

SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS: Display of technical, scientific and educational films, B.E.S.T. Hall, Colaba, 6-30 p.m.

AUTOMOBILE EMPLOYEES' UNION: General body meeting, Congress House, 6 p.m.

CONDOLENCE MEETING: To mourn the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel a meeting will be held under the auspices of the Wadala Market Dukandar Sangh at Wadala Market, 6-30 p.m. Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the B.P.C.C. will preside.

F.S.U. EXHIBITION: "Soviet Union Builds for Peace" at Podar College, Matunga, from December 23 to January 2 1951. Open weekdays 5-30 to 8 30 p.m., holidays 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon and 3-30 to 8-30 p.m.

TODAY'S RADIO

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27.

NEWS BULLETINS

METRE BANDS: 7-30 a.m., 25, 31 and 41; 9-30 a.m.—19, 25; 11-30 a.m. 13 and 19; 12-30 p.m.—13 and 19; 4-30 p.m.—13 and 16; 6-30 p.m.—13 and 19; 9-30 p.m.—13, 16 and 25.

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

English 08-00, 13-30, 18-00, 21-00; Hindi 08-15, 13-40, 18-10, 21-15; Urdu 09-00; Punjabi 08-30, 20-15; Bengali 07-30, 12-50, 19-30; Tamil 07-15, 14-00, 19-15; Telugu 07-00, 5-30, 19-00; Kannada 07-45, 19-45, Malayalam 07-30, 19-30; Marathi 08-30, 12-50, 20-00; Gujerati 08-45, 13-00, 20-15.

BOMBAY

244m.—07-40 Prog., 07-45 Hindi lessons, G. 08-15 Madhuri Mattoo, Asawari, 13-40 Light music, 17-30 S. S. Sathe, bhimpalas, 17-45 D. Nanjiyani, G. songs, 18-10 M. Karnik, sarod, 18-30 G. N. Joshi, puria dhanashree, 19-00 D. Nanjiyani, G. songs, 19-10 Locals, 19-30 S. S. Sathe, eman kalyan, 19-45 For industrial workers, 20-30 Day's topic, G., 20-40 Musical interlude, 20-45 Radio Orch., 21-15 Madhuri Mattoo, thumri, 21-30 Orch. of H.M.R. Marines, 21-45 F. Moraes, current affairs review, 22-00 A. Sandler's trio.

VARIATIONS—353 m., 07-30 Mangal Prabhat, 08-00 M. Karnik, sarod, 08-45 Indumati Chaubal, composition, 12-45 Air artist, tantrakari, 13-00 Mishra sangeet, 13-50 Ragadari, 17-45 Air artist, K. bhajan, 18-00 Indumati Chaubal, composition, 18-20 For villages in M, at 18-50 in K, 19-20 Air artist, bhavgeet, 19-30 Commercial news 20-15 Hindi lessons, M, 20-30 R. Kinikar, "Meghdoot", 21-00 G. N. Joshi, bhavgheet, 21-30 Film songs, 21-45 Madhuri Matoo, darbari Kannada.

BARODA

250 m.—08-15 G. bhajans, 08-30 N. Kikani, sitar, 18-20 N. Kikani, sitar, 18-30 For rural listeners, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15 N. Kikani, sitar, 19-30 For women, G., 20-00 Film songs, 20-10 Locals, 20-30 Film songs, 21-15 N. Kikani, sitar, 21-30 "Dootvakyee", Sanskrit feature, 21-45 P. R. Chhaya, G. geets.

AHMEDABAD

246.1m.—08-15 Air Artist, violin, 08-30 Pathik, 18-20 As in Baroda, 18-30 V. S. Atre, cl. vocal, 18-45 Bal mandali, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15 As in Baroda, 19-30 For industrial workers, 20-00 Locals, 20-5 K. Trivedi, G. geets, 20-30 V. S. Atre, cl. vocal, 21-15 thumri, 21-30 As in Baroda.

INDIAN RULERS' GRIEVANCES

BOMBAY, Tuesday: A resolution condoling the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was passed at the first meeting of the two-day session of the recently formed Rulers' Union, held this morning at the Taj.

The resolution was passed all standing.

The conference which was presided over by His Highness the Gaekwad of Baroda was attended by about 40 Rulers. The main item of the conference agenda which is expected to be taken up for consideration on Wednesday morning concerns itself with the various grievances of the Rulers and their dissatisfaction at the alleged failure of the Government of India to fulfil the promises made to them in their various Instruments of Accession.

It will be recalled that the Maharaja of Baroda had already submitted a memorandum to the President of the Indian Union challenging the validity of the merger of Baroda with the territory of the Bombay State. The Gaekwad, it is understood, may seek to enlist the support of his fellow Rulers on the stand taken by him.

The U. P. I. adds that "by another resolution passed this morning, the Princess reiterated their unstinted support to the Government of India with all their resources in the context of the present international situation. The resolution "inter alia" stated that the Princes would do anything they could to preserve their freedom."

"SARDAR DAY" IN BOMBAY

Prayer Meeting At Chowpatty On Dec. 29

Shri S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, has issued the following statement: In persuance of the Congress President's instructions, Friday, December 29, will be observed in the City as the 'Sardar Day' as a mark of respect to the memory of our beloved Sardar. On this day Sardar's sacred ashes will be immersed in the Triveni Confluence at Prayag. The day should be observed with all dignity and solemnity. Flags should be flown at half-mast and prayers should be offered at public places. People should observe the day with fasting.

Besides organising mass-prayers at the Congress House, the Bombay Provincial Congress Commitee have convened a prayer meeting at Chowpatty in the evening. The District and Taluka Congress Committees wil. also hold similar programmes in their respective wards. I am sure the citizens of Bombay will participate in all these programmes and pay their homage to one who meant so much to us while he was with us.

South Indian Woman Commits Suicide

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Twenty-nine-year old Mrs. Padmini R. Rangaswami residing near King's Circle, Matunga, was reported to have committed suicide by setting fire to her sari early this morning.

At 4-30 a.m. today smoke was seen coming out of the bathroom of her residence. Knowing her to be inside her relatives broken open the door of the bathroom. But it was too late. She was found enveloped in flames.

She left behind a note stating that she was "disappointed" of her life and hence was committing suicide.

WARMER NIGHTS IN BOMBAY LIKELY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Fine to partially cloudy weather with warmer nights has been forecast for Bombay city and neighbourhood during the next 24 hours by the Weather Bureau.

The maximum temperature at Colaba yesterday was 80 degrees and the miniumu 63 degrees, which is five degrees below normal.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures at Santa Cruz were 82 and 57 degrees respectively.

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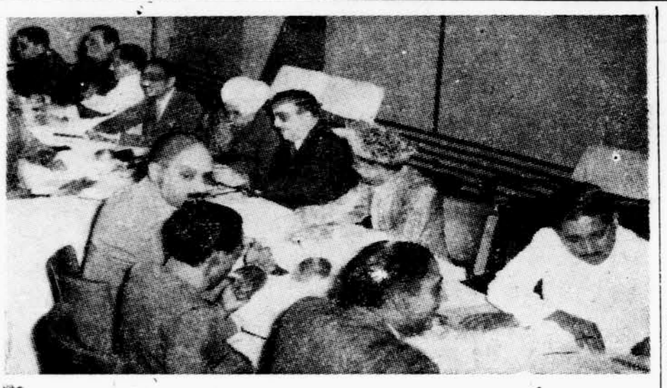
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A conference of the Rulers Union was held at Taj Mahal Hotel on Tuesday morning under the Chairmanship of H. H. the Maharaja of Baroda.

ANOTHER RESHUFFLE IN RED HIGH COMMAND

P. C. Joshi's Case To Be Reopened

LUCKNOW, Friday.—The central committee of the Communist Party of India, it is learnt, has decided to "reopen the case" of Mr. P. C. Joshi, former general secretary of the party, who was expelled from the party a few months after the second congress of the Communist Party held at Calcutta in 1948. A special commission has been appointed to consider the case.

The central committee has appointed another commission to inquire into the conduct of another ex-general secretary of the party, Mr. B. T. Ranadive and four other members of the Politburo of the party. The commission will report on the charges against Mr. Ranadive and his four colleagues.

These decisions, it is learnt, were taken at a recent meeting of the central committee called specially to discuss "the situation that had been created because of the emergency of different political friends inside the party."

The meeting, which was attended by various sections of opinion in the party, decided to reconstitute the central committee and the Politburo of the party with a view to including "all the major trends in the party."

Mr. Rajeshwar Rao, present general secretary, however, continues to hold his post.

It may be recalled that serious differences had developed between the group of Mr. Rajeshwar Rao and that of Mr. S. A. Dange, on the question of copying the Chinese pattern of revolution in India. Mr. Dange, it is believed, was opposed to any violent activity at present.

The central committee meeting, it is learnt, failed to resolve the main political differences and produced no agreed political line. Efforts in this direction were, however, being continued and it was believed final decisions on political and organisational issues would be taken by the party congress when it met.

The meeting decided that the Communist Party must unite with "all progressive forces" to agitate for early general election, withdrawal of repressive laws and release of all political prisoners.

The meeting, however, pledged the Communist Party "to popularise the cause of heroic peasants of Telangana."—"National Herald."

PARTY COMMUNIQUE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Central Headquarters of the Communist Party of India, has issued the following communique:

"A meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India was held in December, 1950, with the participation of those members of the old Central Committee, who, for various reasons were unable to attend the meeting of the Central Committee in May, 1950. This meeting discussed the political issues and organisational problems facing the Party and the situation that had been created because of the emergence of different political trends inside the Party.

"It was not possible at this meeting to thrash out the main political differences and evolve an agreed political line, a task which is essential for the Party to discharge effectively its duties and responsibilities in the struggle for national liberation. Efforts in this direction would be continued and final decisions on political and organisational issues would be taken by the Party Congress.

"While differences on vital tactical issues have yet to be resolved, a large measure of agreement was reached with regard to some immediate political and organisational tasks facing the Party and the movement.

"The Central Committee greeted the decisions of the Second World Peace Congress at Warsaw and pledged itself to redouble its efforts to unite the entire Indian people in the struggle for Peace.

"The Central Committee resolved that immediate steps must be taken to heal the split in the working class movement and to build united mass organisations of the working class. It resolved that the Party must unite with all progressive and anti-imperialist forces to demand and agitate for the immediate holding of general elections, the withdrawal of all repressive measures, the release of all political prisoners and the full restoration of civil liberties. It called upon all Left Parties to unite and force the broadest united front of the Indian people for Peace, freedom and democracy.

"The Central Committee resolved to make every effort to popularise the cause of the heroic peasants of Telengana and other areas who are waging a glorious battle for land and freedom.

"A Party Congress will be convened as soon as possible to work out the political line of the Party.

"It was also decided that in order to give effect to the above decisions, to achieve the maximum possible unification of the Party and to prepare for the Party Congress and to guide the activities of the Party in the immediate future, the Central Committee should be enlarged and the Political Bureau reconstituted so that all the major trends in the Party are represented in the leading bodies. This has been done. Comrade Rajeshwar Rao continues to be the General Secretary of the Central Committee.

"The Central Committee decided to appeal to all comrades who were unjustly expelled to rejoin the Party. It has reopened the case of P. C. Joshi and referred it to a Commission. It has also appointed a Commission to inquire into the conduct of the ex-General Secretary, B. T. Ranadive, and four other members of the PB and report on the charges against them.

"The political and organisational resolutions adopted by the C.C. will be communicated to all Party units shortly.

"The C.C. is confident that all members and friends of the Party will welcome these decisions. The Central Committee appeals to all comrades to guard and strengthen the unity of the Party."

Bombay's 5—Crore Plan To House DPs

REHABILITATION HAS MADE STEADY PROGRESS, SAYS KHER

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"The process of rehabilitation of displaced persons which started not long ago, is making a steady and definite progress", said Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister, Government of Bombay, laying the foundation stone of the Fair-life Co-operative Housing Society at Ghatkopar the evening.

There are 760 cooperative housing societies in all in the State of Bombay and of these 180 are located in Greater Bombay.

"What is demanded of the displaced persons in this process is (i) confidence in those who have undertaken to set them on their feet (ii) self-help, as far as possible and (iii) above all, patience," added the Chief Minister. He advised them to try as much as possible, to see that these requirements were not lost sight of but actively borne in mind.

FIVE-CRORE PLAN

Mr. Kher disclosed that, if possible, during the next two years, the Government intended to execute house building projects for the displaced persons estimated to cost Rs. 4 to 5 crores. It was proposed in these schemes to set apart Rs. 75 lakhs for the promotion of private enterprise of house building by grant of loans to cooperative societies and individuals.

Mr. Kher said "It is also very gratifying to see that the displaced persons who have now more or less been absorbed in the economy of this State and are an integral part of the life and population here, are making serious efforts to solve their own housing problems—efforts which, as they grow, will in a measure help to ease the general housing scarcity in this State.

COOPERATIVE LIVING

"The name which you have selected for your Society is a sober and dignified one" said Mr. Kher. "This should 'not only remain a mere name but I wish that every member and also those who partake of the fruits of the labours of this Society, should strive to live up to it—an ideal of cooperative living which is not difficult of realisation, if the way of life taught to us by the Father of our Nation is followed with faith and perseverance. Cooperative housing provides scope, as no other form of cooperation does, for common work in a number of human activities—educational social and economic—and I trust that all the residents in this Society will always enleavour to build up a richer and fuller social life."

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Shivram Shambu, one of the five men injured in yesterday's fire that broke out in the Power House of the Century Mills at Worli, died in the early hours of this morning in the K. E. M. Hospital

LOCAL RAIN IN CENTRAL INDIA

All-India Weather

POONA, Dec. 26, (PTI): The following is the all-India weather summary for Tuesday, December 26, 1950:—

The shallow low pressure area over Madhya Pradesh is becoming unimportant. In association with it rainfall has occurred locally in West Madhya Pradesh Vindhya Pradesh and east Uttar Pradesh and at a few stations in Madhya Bharat. A few falls of rain or snow have also been reported from the hills of west Uttar Pradesh and of the Punjab (I)

Night temperatures were 7-4 degrees F. below normal in west Rajasthan and the north Punjab (I). Temperatures below freezing point were recorded at a number of stations in north Rajasthan, Bikaner reporting a temperature of 27 degrees F.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL WEDNESDAY EVENING: There will be local thundershowers in Vindhya Pradesh, east Uttar Pradesh and a few light showers in Upper Assam, the hills of west Uttar Pradesh and in west Madhya Pradesh.

Night temperatures will fall in west Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Bharat, Saurashtra and Kutch and Gujarat.

The following is the daily weather chart:

	Tem. Mx.	Tem. Mn.	Rainfall
Ahmedabad	76	46	0 —55.6
Ahmednagar	84	60	0 1.6 —1.9
Allahabad	71	57	0.1 0.8 —2.2
Bangalore	77	60	0 14.2 +5.3
Baroda	77	49	0 0 —2.6
Belgaum	84	59	0 8.4 +1.8
BOMBAY	80	63	0 1.4 —1.7
Calcutta	84	60	0 15.8 +5.5
Delhi	66	41	0 0 —0.9
Hyderabad (Dn.)	83	62	0 2.1 —1.8
Lucknow	64	55	0 2.0 +0.2
Madras	84	68	0 11.8 —19.1
Mahabaleshwar	77	58	0 8.8 +0.6
Nagpur	85	59	0 0.5 —2.9
Patna	71	57	0 0 +2.8
Poona	88	59	0 2.8 —1.9
Sholapur	87	63	0 0 —1.8
Simla	36	27	0 0.7 —2.0
Surat	83	55	0 0 —1.9

VACCINATION WORK INTENSIFIED

Low Incidence Of Smallpox

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE incidence of small-pox showed an appreciable fall in the Bombay State, during the week ended December 16, the figures for the week being 33 cases and 11 deaths as against 165 cases and 33 deaths reported in the previous week and 265 cases and 55 deaths revised.

Vaccination work was intensified in all the affected and threatened areas. During the week under report, cholera took a toll of 41 lives, while the State continued to be free from plague. The following is the health condition report of the State for the week.

CHOLERA: Cholera figures were cases and 41 deaths as against 105-42 reported in the previous week and 133-70 revised. Figures by districts were Dharwar 24-13 as against 23-10; Kolhapur 24-12 as against 27-9; Belgaum 20-8 as against 27-18; Bijapur 17-5 as against 13-4 reported and 25-14 revised, East Khandesh 2-1 as against 4-1 reported and 14-8 revised; and Kolaba 1-2 as against 8-2 reported and 14-7 revised.

Anti-Cholera measures are in progress in all the affected districts. The total number of anti-cholera inoculations performed in the State during the week was 22,446 which brought the progressive total from January 1, to 19,31,379.

SMALLPOX: Smallpox figures were 33 cases and 11 deaths as against 165-33 reported in the previous week and 262-55 revised Figures by districts were Broach 15-2; Satara North 11-8; Poona 4-0; Surat 2-1; Sholapur 1-0.

Vaccination and re-vaccination work has been intensified in the affected and threatened areas. The total number of primary and re-vaccinations performed, during the week, was 26,856 and 14,700, which brought the progressive total, from January 1, to 813,509 and 239,512, respectively.

The Vaccine Institute, Belgaum, supplied 90,275 doses of vaccine lymph to the different parts of the Bombay State.

PLAGUE: Plague was absent in the State. The total number of anti-plague inoculations performed, during the week was 562, which brought the progressive total from January 1, to 122,845

POLIOMYELITITES: Ahmedabad town reported one case due to poliomyelities.

The number of samples analysed at the Public Health Laboratory, Poona, during the week was 507, of which 235 were for bacteriological and 272 for chemical examination.

During the week, 75 cases were filed under the Food Adulteration Act. Of the 50 cases in which convictions were obtained 46 were of Milk, one each of ghee and cocoanut oil one of other food stuff and one under section 4 (1)c. A fine of Rs. 5,175 was recovered.

Synthetic Rice To Solve Food Crisis

MYSORE RESEARCH FINDINGS

ERNAKULAM, Dec. 26 (PTI) —Synthetic rice from tapioca, obtained at the Food Technology Institute, Mysore, can help solve the food problem in the thickly-populated Travancore-Cochin Union, according to the Chairman of the State Food Production Board, Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier.

The findings of the Institute are that the unimpressive edible root has four to six times as much calcium as rice but is short of its muscle-building protein content. This deficiency can, however, be made good if protein-rich pulses and nuts are added to tapioca. "Then its food value becomes even superior to rice."

STUDENTS LATHI-CHARGED

Incident At Jubbulpore

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 26, (PTI): Police made a mild lathi charge to disperse a group of students who had gathered in front of the Bengali Club demanding free admission to a music performance by the noted singer Pankaj Mullick, yesterday.

It is stated that the students demanded admission to the music performance on the plea that it was part of the social gathering of their college while the organisers (also students) said that the function had nothing to do with the college social gathering.

The police asked the students to disperse. They disobeyed and began throwing brickbats and soda water bottles injuring a dozen constables. Three students were injured as a result of the lathi charge. The police have taken thirty students into custody.

AURANGABAD, Dec. 26 (UPI).—A party of European scientists arrived here today by a special plane to see the world-famous Ajanta and Ellora caves.

THE FAMOUS ASTROLOGER



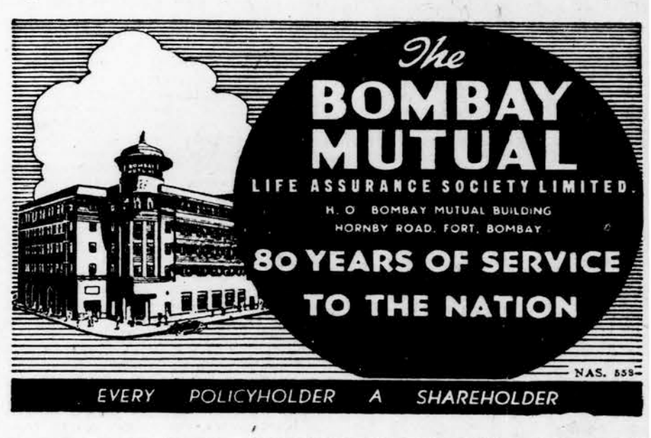
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The Bombay Chronicle

ZERO HOUR FOR PEACE

It is a bitter irony of the world's tragedy that climatic events—uptodate—to aggravate the present international crisis should have occurred, as they did almost exactly on the Christmas Day, the day of Peace on Earth and Goodwill among Men. In the midst of desperate efforts by the 3-Man Committee of the United Nations to bring about a truce in the Korean War in order to strive to save peace, there came an official announcement that the Chinese People's Government has rejected the appeal of Mr. B. N. Rau for a cease-fire in Korea. This was followed by an event which invests the situation with grave anxiety That was the fact, as reported by General Mac Arthur's headquarters, that the Chinese forces also had crossed the Thirty-Eighth Parallel and that, moreover, they were massing and had actually perfected all preparations for launching a massive offensive against the United Nations forces with Seoul as the immediate objective. That flare-up, which cannot but be contemplated with the profoundest concern because of its grave potentialities, both local and international, can now happen at any moment. But since it has not yet occurred there is still time to hope and to strive.

The Chinese rejection of the 3-Man Committee's cease-fire plea is ostensibly based on the excuse that it was all a subtle and sinister move to afford the United Nations, or, as Peking would persist in saying, the United States forces breathing time to re-organise and reinforce themselves and thus be, in due course, able to launch a counter offensive against the North Koreans and the Chinese "volunteers". It is patently an absurd excuse if only for the one very sufficient and decisive reason that India and Mr. B. N. Rau cannot possibly be accused of any such anti-Chinese manoeuvre. And the Chinese have condemned their case themselves by the declaration, repeatedly made now, that what they are out for is the complete expulsion of the United Nations forces from the entire Korean peninsula. This can justifiably be interpreted to mean that the Chinese Peoples Government is determined to provoke trouble that will burst the bounds of Korea. Why? The main Chinese objectives are revealed in the Chinese counter-proposals and in the statement issued on the eve of his departure by General Wu, namely the question of Formosa and, in general, the entire Far Eastern situation as it affects the question of international peace. But need that force an extensive military conflagration? Mr. Rau and those at Lake Success, who have been working with him, had achieved success enough to hold out a strong promise that even the United States, let alone other U.N. member-states would eventually, and, indeed, sooner than later, agree to negotiations based on willingness to accommodate Chinese rights and Chinese points of view regarding the Far East. The Chinese have rejected this possibility in favour of the alternative of force and militant defiance of the United Nations and all its efforts at conciliation and compromise. Is it due to the intoxication of victories gained in Korea and mistaken interpretation of U.N. peace approaches or does it mean the pursuit of an international policy of destroying peace, deliberately decided upon? If the former, there is still a possibility in the hours or rather minutes that separate peace and war for wiser counsels to prevail. But if the latter is the case, then anything may happen now.

This is not an exaggerated fear. It is not possible even to imagine that the United Nations, let alone the United States, will, inspite of the retreat from North Korea and inspite of the grievous blows that their forces have suffered, submit meekly to the present situation to the extent of a decisive defeat and expulsion from the Korean peninsula and agree to close the chapter. There is going to be a grim and bloody struggle for South Korea, more grim and bloody than has yet been witnessed in the peninsula during the entire course of the war. This is not an unrealistic anticipation. The evacuation without any loss of the Hungnam beach-head is a success which is important both psychologically and materially. It is a success which, while far from compensating for defeats, yet constitutes a significant contribution to morale. And, even though the Chinese have put in the field more than half-a-million well-equipped men the addition of almost one hundred thousand men from that beach-head is no small reinforcement to armies that are defending South Korea. Nor is that all. Further and more developments are imminent in connection with the war in Korea. A report is now to hand from the United States town of Independence to the following effect: "President Truman, who has been spending Christmas at home here, will cut short his holiday and fly back to Washington tomorrow for conferences with Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, and Mr. George Marshall Secretary of State for Defence". A President of the United States does not easily cancel his Christmas holidays with such suddenness for any ordinary reason. His decision has the nature and force of a sensation. And its origin has been revealed by the Presidential Secretary under three heads. One relates to arrangements for the departure of General Eisenhower to Europe, that is, for preparedness in Europe. The third concerns preparedness at home. And the second is "the requirements for the situation in Korea in the light of Chinese Communist activity there." The conclusion is obvious. The war in Korea is going to be intensified from the American side too. And, what is more, the United States is all but serving notice that it is being ready to face the risk of its repercussions extending to —anywhere. It is a grave situation and the sands have nearly run out. Only a desperate effort by men of good will can possibly, if at all, save that situation Asian representatives led by Mr. B. N. Rau are making that effort. There success depends, however, on a gesture by Peking.

Cultural Fanaticism

A timely warning was uttered by the Central Minister of Industry, Mr. Hare Krushna Mahtab, at New Delhi to guard the process of reconciliation which is manifest in the varied cultural patterns against the menace of separatist tendencies. India has suffered heavily through the disruptive forces which went down from politics to the level of culture. The bitter experience of the recent past should serve as a constant reminder to responsible leaders to protect the integrity of the country's cultural life. If the achievements of Ashok have merely historical importance today, the unity initiated by Akbar has, to some extent, still remained a reality, and it was continued, in a different form, by Gandhiji. The principle of secularity, upon which the Constitution has been based, marks the practical application of Gandhiji's social philosophy. Against this is the resurgence of militant communalism of the Hindu Mahasabha type which is threatening to disrupt the pattern of unified culture which is in a formulative stage.

A strong movement is needed to combat the evil of communalism before it proceeds to stifle the growth of nationalism and to weaken the foundation of democracy. Communalists are persons, who will never realise that democracy implies integration of cultures and not forcible imposition of any particular set pattern upon society. The danger lies particularly in their approach to the mass of the people. The Hindu Mahasabha, to cite a recent incident, having failed to secure, from other minorities, converts to its own way of reactionary thinking, succeeded in getting a platform in the camp of displaced persons. The significance of this episode should not be overlooked. In this connection, the point emphasised by Mr. Mahtab, that what the upper stratum of society meant by Indian culture was not shared by many millions who were still enveloped in darkness and ignorance, has an important bearing upon the scope of the cultural movement. Left in isolation from the minority of the intelligentsia, the people are not unlikely to be dragged from camp to camp, if the movement for a happy cultural adjustment is not extended to them. The people need to be initiated in appreciation of the values of that adjustment. They, moreover, need to be apprised of the dangers of disruptive tendencies.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The economist must step down from his misguided isolation and tackle the problem of the interaction between social, political and economic forces. If Lord Keynes has indeed begun a revolution, that revolution must continue much further if we are to win an inspiring peace.

—THOMAS BALOGH.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

From a Poona report of the incident between a well-known anti-Mahatma leader of the Hindu Mahasabha who shouted "Long live Godse" and a volunteer who tried to stop the slogan-shouter:

In the course of the hot arguments one of the volunteers is alleged to have whipped out a knife. A head constable entered the scene and was about to take action against those disturbing the peace when another Hindu Mahasabha delegate hastily ran to the group and patched up a compromise after much effort. At the end of his successful mission of peace the delegate found that his watch was gone

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General Bijay Shamsher Jang Bahadur Rana, the Nepalese Foreign Minister said in Delhi that the "reactions" to the Indian memorandum which he had brought had been approved both by the Nepalese Cabinet and the two Houses of the Nepalese Parliament.

By as many as three facets of the Rana family? Wonderful! Great achievement.

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Speaking at a reception in Calcutta, Shaikh Abdullah, the Kashmir Prime Minister, emphatically declared that Kashmir had decided once for all to link up its destiny with India.

The Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha and its orating statesmen, paradoxically, permitting.

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Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan has proclaimed at Dacca that there could be no new plan for solving the Kashmir issue except that a fair and impartial plebiscite should be held to which both India and Pakistan were committed

Provided, of course, that in no circumstances, can Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan and Pakistan permit any other country to rule over Kashmir than Pakistan.

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In his turn, Khwaja Nazimuddin, the Governor-General of Pakistan, also echoed Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan in a speech at Karachi.

Provided of course....but see above

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The departure of the Dalai Lama's mother from Lhasa, says a Kalimpong message has been confirmed and there is also a report to the effect that the Dalai Lama himself, has left Lhasa and is heading towards India.

If eventually—after Korea—Why not now, so to speak? And it is very much safe too.

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A U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, viz. Mr. Edward Barrett is reported to have said in a Television interview that a "certain individual" behind the Iron Curtain was struggling to lessen tension between East and West but that he could not be named for obvious reasons.

Mr. Barrett was wise even though telepathic rather than realistic.

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KUOMINGTANG FORCES TO INVADE MAINLAND.

Formosan Governor Expects Full American Aid.

—Headlines.

Words fail us. And we leave it at that.

MIND OF MAHARASHTRA

BY: OBSERVER

ALL over Maharashtra the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was mourned by way of hundreds of condolence meetings, hartals and messages by those who served with him and under him.

A remarkable feature of these personal tributes was that the usual hero worship was absent. Some of the tributes were realistic and analytical. To the students of Indian history the tribute paid to the Sardar by one of his closest associates Shri Gangadharrao Deshpande, will be found a document worth preserving and full of revelations.

SUGAR FIASCO

How does the Maharashtrian peasant look upon the quick changes in the policy of control and decontrol, then recontrol and now almost no control. One of them I met, who happens to possess enough land for growing sugarcane and also for raising food crops, told me that the uncertainty about the rabi crops made him indent upon the sugarcane area. He will have no trouble about making gur so that if the new policy renders Maharashtra sugarless for some weeks, he will have at least home-made gur to fall back upon. Others however whom I met in a larze sized village just near the railway track were bitter over the sugar fiasco. They assured me that for last seven weeks they had rceeived no sugar quantum at all while as regards gur, people like them can only afford to buy second rate gur. But this variety disappeared very rapidly, thanks to the dexterity of illicit liquor manufacturers. Experienced police officers know that it is difficult to ferret out distilleries, because the informer who puts them on the track runs the risk of losing his life. It is reported that in many villages this new criminal activity is flourishing. So while fermentation increases the main raw material for it which the common man may use to sweeten his tooth, disappears and he cannot afford first-rate gur. It is beyond his pocket. The new sugar policy, against which the Government of Bombay is known to be in disagreement, will help black-market transactions. The rich will have ample sugar, the poor if they have a ration card may or may not get it because—who is likely to trudge six or eight miles to the ration shop only to be told that (1) enough stock has not arrived, (ii) that the ration card holder is too late or (iii) the ration card is defective. I have witnessed these scenes and heard the strong remarks these people have to offer. Is it any wonder that in a section of the Maharashtrian press a protest is being made that the new policy means placating the sugar barons of India?

LOANS FOR WELLS

My remarks in these columns last time have enabled me to receive three letters from parts of Maharashtra which in the production of food crops have made considerable advance. A correspondent from Sangola, that area where water is as scare as ministerial visits, bitterly complains that a very large number of farmers there would be able to add to the food production if only the authorities pursued their policy of sinking wells with some idea of continuity. For some months revenue officers preached to them about the need for re-building disused wells. In one area through Government efforts some new wells were actively built but when the farmers began to ask for loans to start the work of reconstructing such wells as had fallen into disuse, the revenue authorities began to say that higher quarters would be approached in the matter. And the trouble has been that the higher quarters remain high, in fact quite at Olympian heights. It is only in the Ahmednagar district that this matter of sinking of wells was taken in hand in right earnest, the State giving a handsome grant and the people concerned being then enthusiastic over the possibilities of reaping a richer harvest. The experiment has proved successful.

FORGOTTEN SEEDS

Another correspondent goes into details about what I may call, "the saga of the seeds." He says that he had made several trips to quarters where potato seeds were to be available, so that he could sow them in time, as he had prepared his land particularly for that purpose and had brought, being an experienced man, the necessary insecticide. After four months he was told that the seeds had not come from Simla. Correspondence followed. Being an individual endowed with pertinacity he made another trip to the highest quarters and was told that Delhi had forgotten to make the necessary grant and therefore Simla did not send the seeds to Poona. The tragedy of it is that such inefficiency makes farmers discontended. Twenty years ago potato culture was widely and profitably practised in Maharashtra. Now is the time to make determined efforts to revive the growth of potatoes as an important item in non-cereal food.

SELF-SUPPORTING

A third correspondent, in view of what I said last time, sends me a chart and a letter explaining me how Maharashtra can be self-supporting in the matter of its main articles of diet, jawar and bajari. In the matter of rice it can never be. Yet his figures show that, thanks to the labours of the agricultural research station at Karjat and to the experiments privately made in certain parts of the Maval, near Panvel, and on the Krishna banks with grafted varieties of rice, the total outturn of this commodity in seven districts of Maharashtra will increase by ten per cent, if the new varieties of seedlings are given to the cultivators IN TIME.. As regards the jawar and Bajri crops his chart explains how a slight increase in the irrigated area near Bhandar-Dara, where the Pravara has been dammed, and in the Mhasvad and Kadwa areas yield can be increased more than 12 percent in the next five years. But he notes two factors. According to calculations made by him the population in these seven districts has increased by 22 percent while the the total amount of food production has not increased but diminished, if we compare the last two years with the corresponding period 10 years ago.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Presidential Indiscretion

It will come as a painful shock to many Indians that Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the President of the Indian Republic, should have thought it fit to send his "best wishes" to the annual session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha According to press reports the wording is approximately as follows: "Dr. Rajendra Prasad thanks the Reception Committee for their kind invitation but regrets his inability to attend due to pre-occupations. He conveys his best wishes for the Session". Though the message is formal it sets an unpleasant precedent of the President sending his best wishes to an organisation wedded unashamedly to rank communalism. Admittedly the President is above party politics and all political organisations should be equal to him. But he cannot go ccunter to the spirit of the Constitution and of the India that he himself has helped to build by recognising or associating even by good wishes with communalism. The President's action becomes more regrettable in the light of the most obnoxious atmosphere engendered, and the way in which the session was conducted, at Poona. There the assassins of the Father of the Nation were made heroes of. Slogans were raised in praise of them; and the Congress and what Mahatma Gandhi stood for were denounced. The virulency of the presidential address of Dr. N. B. Khare should leave no one in doubt what path the Hindu Mahasabha is treading. To associate, even remotely, with such an organisation is unnational and for the President to do so even more so. We hope a proper clarification will be issued from the Government explaining why the message was issued.

Vendetta

The Hindu Mahasabha resolution on Kashmir is a deliberate attempt to insult a great leader of a great country. It is not surprising that through the jaundiced eyes of the Mahasabha, every thing should look yellow, but their attempt to dub Sheikh Abdullah as a communalist is too clumsy even for the Mahasabha. There can be two opinions about the policy followed by the Government of India with regard to Kashmir, but all those with eyes can see that the Government of Sheikh Abdullah is one of the most liberal and progressive in India. Probably the Mahasabha's wrath is aroused by the Kashmir Government's far reaching land reforms which will restore to one of the exploited peasantry their long due rights. In this, the Sabha leaders are at one with Pakistan which too has been shaken by the reforms which have had their repercussions on the raider-held territory

Leave It To History

All history is bunk, Napolean is reported to have said. Many who have seen records of events being turned into a glorification of a particular party or individual will be inclined to agree with this view. "Objectivity" loses its meaning when a doctored selection of documents tells a story as the compiler wants it to be told. The 1857 Rebellion furnishes an excellent illustration in this respect. The Britons who were thoroughly shaken by the events of that year were so scared that for a long time they would not entertain "native" servants. They believed all the horror stories that agitated people told one another, and they wrote down what they heard for the edification of posterity. Many histories of the Revolt of 1857 written by British authors are based on these "records", and it is no wonder that they, make it out that the rebellion was the work of maniacs and murderers who were out for white blood. Dr. Savarkar—the Savarkar of old days—corrected the impression, but as the English translation of the book was effectively kept out of India the wrong impression persisted. It is to be hoped that all this will be a thing of the past. The peaceful transition of India to freedom has placed many valuable records in our possession as Maulana Azad emphasised in his presidential address to the Indian Historical Records Commission at Nagpur. It is unfortunate that these records could not be kept in one place owing to lack of space. Financial stringency has prevented so far a quick classification of the records. The Education Minister has called upon the Universities to help the authorities in the classification and the cataloguing of the records by allotting the task of post-graduate students of history. It is a work to which the students should look forward with pleasure.

Cold Wave

The approach of winter always provides juicy "copy" for newsmen and this year has been no exception. But the cold wave has not come alone; it has brought a hotel strike along with it—and all this in Christmas time! Harassed housewives who had hoped that at least in the season of mirth they would not be forced to get up at an unholy hour and attend to their drab work must have been cursing these new fangled notions of the protelariat which is out to exploit every advantage. The only bright patch in an otherwise bleak atmosphere is that our coal shop keepers and the gas workers did not choose to strike at this moment. It was not long ago that Britons went through the agonies of winter without a warm fire because of a power-break down. It is too bad that the cold wave which has held Bombay and Gujarat in its grip should have left Poona alone; there is too much hot air in that metropolis at the moment.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Import Control Muddle

In the course of his statement on the new import policy for the first half of the next year the President of the Indian Merchants' Chambers says that some of the main handicaps, which were the subject matter of complaint and comment in the past, still continue. The handicaps against which the mercantile community has to contend at the hands of the Import Control offices at ports and at New Delhi are not "some" but many. It is impossible for me to go into the various objectionable features of import control administration in this short letter, but if you will permit me, I will deal exhaustively with the whole subject at a later opportunity. Is it or is not the duty of import control offices to at least acknowlegde and reply to the applicants' communications within a reasonable time? I ask all the import control offices to take the public into their confidence and say what exactly the officers concerned are doing with the communications they receive from different parties? I put it very bluntly and say that I can prove from my own file that the Office of the Deputy Chief Controller of Import Bombay as well as the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi simply do not care even to acknowledge, much less to reply within a reasonable time, very important communications from parties concerned. The way that important communications from importers are thrown aside—for that is what it amounts to—by the officers concerned is scandalous. I should think that even government officials have their duty towards the public and it is high time that somebody from the public made a test case and approached the High Court with a view to determine who is responsible for the losses sustained by the applicants on account of the acts of omission and commission by the import control offices concerned. I am sure all government offices, including import control offices, are in duty bound to reply to all communications within a reasonable time. Will any of your readers well-versed in law enlighten me as to whether a suit can lie on the issue of import control office's abnormal acts of omission and commission? Is not a government department bound to reply within a reasonable time all communications received by them and deserving of an early reply? The practice usually followed by the import control offices nowadays is that as a rule they never give any written reply to anything under the sun. Even if you send your communications by registered post, you do not get any acknowledgement from the import control office for months together and during the interval you go on writing reminders after reminders to the import control office and God only knows what actually happens to your various communications. To interview an officer is usually beyond the patience and capacity of a businessman, because you have to waste your whole day and even at the end of hours' waiting you may be asked to come the next day. When after considerable "penance" you do get the "darshan" of the officer concerned, you don't get any definite or conclusive reply. The whole thing is scandalous and I have no hope at all that the position will ever improve, unless some public-spirited gentleman were to drag the whole administration to a law court. Will anything be done?

—AN IMPORTER.

Volunteers For Korea

It has been reported in the press that the Indian Section of the Communists World Democratic Youth Federation has applied to the Government of India for arms, equipment and transport facilities for 300 Indian volunteers to go to Korea and fight from the Chinese side, The Statement seems to have been deliberately circulated by the Chinese communists to mislead the world public opinion about India's sympathies. There has never been any sympathy for communist activities in India and there is none to-day. The Chinese communists have boasted of 300 Indian volunteers. A thousand times more would be forthcoming to fight from the U.N. side within an hour of the request made by the U.N. to that effect.

—JASWANT SINGH.

Local Finance Inquiry: Report Incomplete

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): The report which has appeared in a section of the press regarding the recommendations of the Local Finance Inquiry Committee appointed by the Government of India does not represent the correct picture.

Announcing this, a Health Ministry press note says: "The report of the committee received by the Government of India recently is still incomplete. The full report will be issued in due course and the public are advised to await it."

Sailor Engineer Drowned

MADRAS, Dec. 26 (PTI): Twenty-seven-year-old Mr. L. Whinyates, Engineer in the British cargo ship "Martan" was drowned in the sea here yesterday, Christmas Day.

Mr. Whinyates, an Englishman, with five others, went for a swim off the east quay of the Madras harbour when he was lost in the breakwaters. Police today were still searching for the body.

The "Martan", which arrived here on Sunday, sailed for Calcutta today.

Raise Gur Price: Madras Plea

MADRAS, Dec. 26 (PTI): The Madras Government would urge the Government of India to raise gur price in the state from Rs. 19 to Rs. 22 per imperial maund on a par with the State's deficit in gur, the Madras Food Minister said today.

Madras is a surplus state in jaggery. But since the promulgation of the Gur Control Order, the commodity has gone underground.

The Minister said there was sufficient stock of jaggery in the State which could be brought out only by increasing the price.

GANGSTERS' REVENGE

KURNOOL, Dec. 26 (PTI): A gang of armed men raided Koppukonda, a village on the border of Kurnool, on Friday last and killed a person alleged to be a police informant.

Earlier, the gang raided a neighbouring village and decamped with cash and jewellery estimated at more than Rs. 6,000.

The District Superintendent of Police of Kurnool has ordered the police to take immediate possession of all firearms from forest subordinates in the district.

The order is a sequel to the recent raid by an armed gang which looted firearms from forest guards in the district.

OF ALL THINGS

Geometry In Art

THE first thing you must do if you really want to know what Cubism is, is to stop laughing and start seeing. Frenchmen started this much-maligned school of painting, but as Picasso puts it, "Cubism is neither the seed nor the germination of a new art; it represents a stage in the development of original pictorial forms."

What IS Cubism? It is a form of art characterized by depicting objects by a rectangular or geometrical treatment of forms. It is one of the twin twigs branching off Post-Impressionism, the other twig being Surrealism. Cubism itself matured into Constructivism.

There are three basic steps you must take to understand Cubism. They are mentioned briefly below:

Step one: The landscape of man has changed from what it was when Michael Angelo or Rembrandt wielded the brush (representational art). Today we have not only trees and hills on the horizon, we have also pylons and factory chimneys and trains. The modern artist is faced with new problems—problems of relationship, tension and dynamic equilibrium. Between Constable and Cezanne, many things changed: forms and styles changed; the very way of seeing things changed. The choice of subject and the handling of the material began to manifest a spirit that was in keeping not only with the social, but also with the scientific bias of the times.

Step two: The accent shifted from subject matter to form. The content in art changed in value. Take a Chardin Still-Life. The interest and decorative value of wine bottles and bread is comparatively slight and therefore the merit of a still-life based on these motifs must lie in something else. In other words, it is not because of its subject matter that it is valuable, but rather because of its colour and composition and because of the passion with which it is painted: in short, it is because of its form that it exists as a work of art. Thus, the subject matter as such is only a secondary consideration, and once this fact has been recognized, it is not difficult to follow the process whereby the abstract forms of the Cubists came to be substituted for the naturalistic forms of their predecessors.

Step three: Note well that contemporary opinion towards the art of its time has always been critical. Many come to scoff. But this must never be allowed to colour your impressions or your experiences.

After these three basic steps, you are ready to understand what an important climax modern art—Cubism was merely a mile-stone—has reached. Painting, when confined to the representational, tended to become increasingly sterile and restricted; today it has been liberated in a new and unexpected way, so that there are perhaps no bounds to its possible achievements.

What remains to be said of Surrealist and Constructivist art (the latter being an extension of Cubism) is that time will mellow it and show it up in a more familiar light.

Uplifting Philosophy

The lift operators at the Capitol in Washington are given to brooding over the world's troubles. "How's business?" a passenger asked one of these up-and-down philosophers. The operator looked at him moodily. "I'm not a man," he said. "I'm a yo-yo."

People Must Help To Produce More Food

PRESIDENT PRASAD'S CALL

NAGPUR, December 26, (U.P.I.).

DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD, President of the Indian Union, today called upon the people, particularly the agriculturists, to produce more and help the Government in implementing their "Grow More Food" schemes to tide over the food crisis at present facing the country.

The President who was replying to the reception presented to him on behalf of 108 municipalities and 98 Janapada Sabhas of the State, said that the people should try to produce food independently and not depend on others for their necessities.

"It is strange," he added, "that a country like India, which is purely an agricultural country, should depend on other countries in regad to food. We have immense resources at our disposal. We have a number of big rivers. We have long unending tracts of land. What we need is cooperation of the people in bringing these resources to increase food production.

"We have got people who are experts in agriculture. If these people go to the villages and teach the villagers the ways and means to develop agriculture, I have no doubt that the food problem which is now staring at us would be easily solved."

Dr. Prasad also urged the members of the municipalities and the Janapada Sabhas to extend their hands of cooperation in the matter of solving the food problem.

LOCAL BODIES

Referring to the local bodies the President said that these were the only institutions where people could be coached and trained to become able and efficient administrators. He exjressed his appreciation at the creation of Janapada Sabhas in Madhya Pradesh. These had given the people living in villages opportunities to take part in the administration of villages and through them of the country. He hoped that the people would seize this opportunity and take advantage of it to the benefit of themselves as well as to the country.

Dr. Prasad also referred to blackmarketing which was in exissence in the country. The people had been complaining that Government were not taking proper and severe measures to curb the blackmarketers. This might be true to some extent, he said, but he emphatically declared that the devil of blackmarkets could not be rooted out until and unless the people themselves came forward and assisted the Government in destroying that devil.

Concluding, Dr. Prasad appealed to the people not to look always to the Government for the fulfilment of their needs but to help themselves and the Government in meeting their needs and demands.

ASSURANCE

An assurance that all efforts to ameliorate the conditions of the Scheduled Castes and the aboriginal tribes in the country were being made by the Government was also given by Dr. Prasad, this evening at a welcome by the Scheduled Castes.

The President said that a special officer had been appointed by the Government of India, who would undertake a tour of the country to safeguard the interests of the backward classes.All facilities might bring them to equal status with the arvanced classes within a period of ten years when no special protection would be required by these backward classes, he said

Sri Mangal Das Pakwasa Governor, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla, Chief Minister and other Cabinet Ministers of Madhya Pradesh were amongst those present.

Pan-American Ship Looted By Pirates

LONDON, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): The Pan-American steamer Islas Visayas (516 tons) bound for Amoy, South China, from Shanghai radioed that she had been boarded by pirates and her cargo looted yesterday near Tai Chow by in Chekiang Province, Lloyds Shipping Intelligence reported today.

A second distress signal said, "Life was in danger."

A later message said the vessel had been released and was proceeding to Amoy, but Lloyds stated there was a possibility this message was sent under duress and no radio contact had been made by the naval tug Caroline Moller, sent to assist from Hong Kong.

Record Petroleum Production

NEW YORK, Dec. 26, (PTI-Reuter): World production of crude petroleum reached the record total of an estimated 3,786,000,000 barrels in 1950, Mr. Frank M. Porter, President of the American Petroleum Institute said today.

This was an increase of 350,000,000 barrels over the previous record production of 1948, he stated in a review of the oil industry's operations in 1950.

The major share of the increase came from wells outside the United States.

Stop Press

STUDENTS RELEASED

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 26 (PTI): Thirty students who were arrested here yesterday in connection with the disturbances were released on bail today.

MILLMEN'S GREED LEADS TO STRIKE

GWALIOR, Dec. 26 (PTI): Four hundred workers in the spindle section of a local textile mill are on strike from yesterday, resulting in the automatic closure of the entire mill, where about 6,000 workers are employed.

The workers are stated to have gone on strike following the introduction of a new method of work in the spindles section by the mill authorities, requiring one worker to handle two machines at a time, ultimately retrenching surplus workers. The workers demand that the present system of "one worker on one machine" should not be disturbed.

The State Government are also understood to have taken serious notice of this "experimental arrangement" by the mill authorities. They feel that it is "against the provisions of the Bombay Industrial Relations Act as adopted in Madhya Bharat". Government have, therefore, directed their Labour Commissioner to inquire into the matter and submit his findings.

Hague Talks Fail

THE HAGUE, Dec. 26, (PTI-Reuter): Hopes of a settlement of the future status of Western New Guinea seemed to be fading here today when another series of talks apparently failed to bring agreement.

After the last meeting today the delegates refused to comment and no communique was issued. They will meet again tomorrow.

It is reliably understood that the Indonesians are still standing firmly by their contention that sovereignty over the territory—now ruled by Holland but claimed by Indonesia— must be legally accorded them though the actual transfer of sovereignty need not be carried out at once.

The Dutch insist that sovereignty must remain with Holland until the inhabitants of the territory are able to decide their future for themselves— whether to join the Indonesian Republic, remain with the Dutch or become independent.

Army Cookery Course

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26, (PTI): The Indian Army's cookery and catering courses is to be extended to wives of N C Os and other ranks.

Already 400 wives of officers have taken advantage of the course which aims to make them "realise the importance of good food" and show how to prepare it with existing rations. Stress is laid on avoidance of waste.

These courses do not involve any extra expenditure, as the food cooked in classes is eaten by the service personnel as part of their rations.

CHAMPIONS ACHESON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): A Republican Senator, one of six who voted against confirmation of Mr. Dean Acheson as Secretary of State nearly two years ago, said today he did not think Mr. Acheson should be replaced at this time.

Senator William Langor (Republican) said he "wanted to part" of Republican efforts to force President Truman to dismiss Mr. Acheson.

"At this time of terrible danger for this country", he declared, call forces in this nation should unite against that danger. This is not the time to fight among ourselves".

He added that all American forces should be pulled out of Korea as soon as possible to preserve them for possible emergeicies in the future.

Madras To Ask For More Yarn

MADRAS, Dec. 26 (PTI): The Madras Government today decided to renew its plea to the Government of India for a substantial increase in the allotment of yarn to meet "the serious crisis" in the state's handloom industry.

The state's monthly consumption is 29,000 bales against the usual allotment of ten to twelve thousand bales.

The cabinet held a special meeting today to consider the steps to be taken to meet the yarn shortage which had thrown about three to four lakhs of weavers out of work.

CABINET RESHUFFLE

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(C) Power (including Central Electricity Board).

(D) Irrigation (including Central Water, Power, Irrigation and Navigation Board).

(2) Supply, including purchase and disposal of stores.

(3) Production and distribution of salt.

(4) Production and distribution of coal.

(5) Government industrial undertakings transferred from the existing Industry and Supply Ministry, except Hindustan Aircraft Ltd.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research:—

(1) The subjects at present dealt with in the Department of Scientific Research.

(2) Mines.

(3) Geological Survey.

(4) Power (including Central Electricity Board).

(5) Irrigation (including Central Water, Power, Irrigation and Navigation Board).

3. The following subjects are allotted to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs):

(1) Insurance.

(2) Company Law.

4. Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., is allotted to the Ministry of Defence.

GOVERNMENT STIFLING OPPOSITION PARTIES

Mahasabha's Charge At Poona Open Session

POONA, December 26, (PTI).

A RESOLUTION passed by the Hindu Mahasabha today accused the Congress Government of using its power to curb civil liberties and "stifle opposition parties."

The resolution, accepted unanimously, protested against the continuance of "old, reactionary and repressive measures" and the application of the Preventive Detention Act in the country. It added the "coercive measures stifle free speech and expression with the result that the freedom of the individual is menaced today and the citizens have been consigned to the tender mercies of the inefficient police and the executive".

It charged that "these coercive measures are being resorted to, with a view to preventing the manifestation of the appalling miseries of the people, thwarting the activities of opposition political parties, and maintaining the show of a deceptive peace and contentment".

The resolution in conclusion urged that this regime should be ended as quickly as possible as the people are being steadily driven into submission to domination of an inefficient and corrupt regime and the country is marching towards bankruptcy and ruin".

BITTER EXPERIENCE

Moving the resolution, Mr. Asutosh Lahiri said that since achieving freedom they had a "bitter experience" of the administration carried on in the country, and, particularly, its attiuce to opposition parties which was hostile. After the ebergence of freedom, he said, police and executive department had not undergone any change, and Section 144 and Preventive Detention Act had become the normal feature of administration. In any other democratic country, the actions of the government would have led to its fall immediately. But, unfortunately, the political consciousness had not been roused to that height in India, he said.

Mr. Lahiri said "civil liberties are being trampled upon like anything" in the country which was now tending to become a fascist state. He wanted the government "to be ousted from power immediately".

Mr. Harbansingh seconded the resolution.

LABOUR MINISTRY

Two resolutions were then moved from the chair and accepted. The first one "deplored the tendency in India to purchase foreign goods, even if avoidable" and appealed to the people to encourage swadeshi goods.

The other resolution moved by the President opposed any proposal to reduce the armed forces in the country.

The Hindu Mahasabha decided to enter into the labour field and start an all-India labour union under its auspices to be known as "Hind Sramik Sanghs". The Hindu Sramik Sangh, already functioning in Bengal was recognised as a member of this all-India union.

TIBETAN NATIONALS TO REGISTER

Exemption Withdrawn

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): The Government of India have decided that the exemption from the provisions of the Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939, hitherto enjoyed by Tibetan nationals should be withdrawn, says a press note issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

All Tibetan nationals resident in India should, therefore, present themselves the nearest registration officer (Superintendent of Police) before February 26, 1951 and obtain certificates of registration.

They will not be required to produce any passports or other similar documents, but will, if called upon to do so, furnish to the registration officer four copies of their photographs of passport size or four complete sets of their finger impressions.

It has also been decided that all Tibetans coming to India hereafter should obtain a permit for entry and stay in India from the officer-in-charge of the border police post through which they enter India and also get themselves registered under Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939.

A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO AGRICULTURE

Plea At Lucknow Conference

LUCKNOW, Dec. 26 (PTI): Dr. Shirname, Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, in his presidential address at the eleventh session of the Agricultural Economic Conference here today, said that "a patient, scientific and realistic approach should be made in the study of the various socio-economic problems of Indian agriculture".

The conference, which is attended by leading agricultural economists of India and Government experts, will consider the rural economic problems of the country. Mr. Homi Modi, Governor of Uttar Pradesh, inaugurated the conference.

Dr. Shirname said he was glad that in the recent past there had been an increase in investigation and study of the socio-economic problems of rural India.

The principal aim of economic research was, he said, the formulation of sound principles and advice to Government in the formulation of agricultural assistance to the farming community and the framing of agricultural policy.

VITAL NEED

Mr. Homi Modi said that topmost priority should be accorded to the improvement of agriculture in India adding, "It is the most vital need of the day and we can ignore it at our peril". More than four-fifths of the population lived in the villages and eked out a precarious existence.

In the context of the food situation of the country, the Governor added, the grow more foor campaign had become the main battle front and the Central and State Governments were pouring out reinforcements in an all-out effort to strengthen its.

Acharya Narendra Dev, Vice-Chancellor of the Lucknow University, welcoming the delegates said that ..the main problem before the Asian nations was how to renovate agriculture. It was mainly because of its failure to solve the agrarian problem that the Kuomintang Government had met with its doom. The expression "unchanging east" had been falsified by the recent history of China and other countries of the Orient. The Chinese people were going through a process of rejuvenation. The same should be possible in India also.

Acharya Narendra Dev added that agriculture being the main industry of the nation, its reorganisation should receive top priority over all other projects.

SERIOUS TURN IN U.P. ROAD STRIKE

Women Lie Down In Front Of Buses

KANPUR, Dec. 26 (UPI): The strike in the U.P. Roadways took a serious turn today when women picketers lay down at the Chuniganj bus station gate to prevent the buses being run with the help of police and military drivers.

No bus could run today after midday. The police had to remove the women picketers forcibly. About a dozen volunteers, including three women, have been taken into custody.

The situation seems to be deteriorating and there is no prospect of settlement because of the alleged adamant attitude on the part of the authorities who are not prepared for any negotiations unless the strike was unconditionally called off.

The Roadways Workers' Union has submitted a memorandum to the Government concerning their demands and requesting for intervention to restore the normal working in the roadways.

Plot To Defraud B.N. Railway Unearthed

KHARAGPUR, Dec. 26 (UPI): The B. N. Railway anti-corruption organisation with the help of Bihar police has unearthed deep-laid conspiracy at Adra to defraud the railway in respect of rationed foodstuffs.

It is stated that some traders in conspiracy with some members of the railway rationing staff have drawn ration worth Rs. 2 lakhs with 800 spurious ration cards in the names if the railway employees, who had retired from service, or were ineligible for ration, or had gone to Pakistan. The ration drawn with these cards was alleged to have been sold in the black market.

Further investigation is procceding.

MUSIC AT THE FRONTIER

SHILLONG, Dec. 26 (UPI): The Government of India, it is learnt, have decided to provide every administrative outpost in the North-Eastern Frontier Agency with a radio set and a gramophone etc., with a view to acquainting the tribal population of those regions with modern amenities of life. This scheme which is likely to cost about Rs. 25,000 would be executed in the current financial year.

French Assembly Postpones Rearmament Debate

PARIS, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): The French National Assembly postponed its debate on the rearmament budget today by a vote of 302 to 289. This came despite an appeal by Prime Minister Pleven not to delay the debate and to get the rearmament bill through by the end of the week.

WORK GOING AHEAD ON DEFENCE ACADEMY

Unique 7-Crore Project

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI).

OVER 2,000 labourers are working hard on the inter-services defence academy project at Khadakvasla, on the foothills of the Sahyadri and ten miles from Poona, writes a PTI correspondent, who recently visited the site.

Since Mr. Nehru laid the foundation stone of the academy a year ago, the main three-storeyed building which is expected to be completed in two and a half years, has reached the plinth level. The superstructure will be taken in hand by January. The laboratory and workshops buildings will also have come up to the plinth level by January and work on cadets' quarters for one battalion is expected to commence by the end of next November.

A road five miles and two furlongs long has also been completed The road passes over the crest of a dominating hillock on which a ceremonial gateway will be erected in due course. A high-tension power line to carry 1,250 KW of electricity has been built over a distance of nine miles complete with a sub-station, and power will be switched on in a fortnight.

A saw mill and repair shop have nearly been completed. Three hundred and ten followers' quarters have already been built and twenty officers' quarters are under construction.

HILLS AND LAKE

The hills will possibly provide an excellent training ground in jungle warfare while the naval cadets will have ample scope for boat-drill and sailing exercises in Khadakvasla lake, which is now eleven miles long, one mile wide and one hundred and five feet deep. Its water level will rise by another seventy-one feet when the Bombay Government builds another dam on the Mutha River.

An afforestation scheme has been taken in hand in the 6,000-acre estate of the Academy.

The Academy township itself is ultimately expected to have a population of 15,000, including the staff and servants and their families.

The entire project is expected to cost about rupees seven crores.

The administrative building will have a statue of Dronacharya, father of ancient Indian military science. Those in charge of the project are still searching for a suitable model.

Mr. W. X. Mascarenhas, Chief Engineer of the project, took pressmen round the hilly estate and had a cruise in the lake. At the end of the exhausting three-hour visit, Mr. Mascarenhas observed. "It is only once in the life of a nation that an academy of this kind is built."

STATE SUPPORTED HOUSING COMPANY

Plan Approved By Centre

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26: It is learnt that the Government of India have approved of the Housing Company Scheme. The company will be floated with an authorised capital of Rs. 50 lakhs of which the Government will take up 51 per cent shares leaving the remainder 49 per cent for the public to subscribe.

In the first instance only fifty per cent of the capital namely Rs. 25 lakhs will be subscribed. Of this Rs. 20 lakhs will be subscribed by the Government and Rs. 5 lakhs by the Punjab National Bank.

Investors will be entitled to nominate one director for each contribution of Rs. 5 lakhs. In the initial stages of the company, the Government will nominate four directors and the Punjab National Bank one director. The government's nominees will be representatives of the Ministries of Finance, Works, Mines and Power and Rehabilitation and a prominent non-official who will also be the chairman of the company.

The company will construct houses for persons who are prepared to pay their full price. At a later stage the company will sell houses on hire-purchase terms to displaced persons. At a later stage also the shares of the company will be thrown open to the public.

A similar company may be formed in Calcutta.

GATT Code Approved

LONDON, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): A standard code simploying export and import procedure nas been approved by the thirtytwo governments signing the General Agreement on the Tariffs and Trade (GATT), it was announced here today.

Between them they account for three quarters of the world's trade. The code was drawn up during tariff talks which have just ended in Torquay, England.

The code lays down that granting of an import licence should imply that necessary foreign exchange will be obtainable if applied for within a reasonable time.

It urges speeding up administrative formalities in issuing import and export licences and exchange permits, and calls for customs authorities to be given "discretion to grant reasonable tolerance" for variation in quantity or value of individual shipments.

Red Hunt In Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): An attempt to stamp out all Communist activities in Brazil is being planned, a security police spokesman said today.

The National Security Council would ask Congress to pass legislation which would make all Communists "enemies" of the State, he said.

The Brazilian Communist Party was banned in 1947, but police say their activities have been intensified recently.

MATCH INDUSTRY IN DIFFICULTIES

Lack Of Wood And Chemicals

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): At the meeting of the Planning Commission held recently to consider the development programme of the match industry in India, it was disclosed that the present rated capacity was about seven lakh cases, each of fifty gross boxes of sixty sticks a year. The indigenous consumption of matches was estimated at about five lakh cases a year, and in the course of the next five years an annual increase of five per cent in the consumption is anticipated.

The representatives of the industry stressed the critical position in regard to the supply of matchwood and chemicals, particularly phosphorus and sulphur, and stated that the high cost of raw materials and labour had been responsible for putting up the cost of production of matches. As the selling price of matches is fixed by Government, the manufacturers stated that the margin between the actual cost of production and the selling price had narrowed down considerably.

The importance of regeneration of forests for the purpose of ensuring a regular supply of wood to the match industry over a long period was emphasised.

The representatives of the industry indicated that the forests of South Canara and other areas in the states of Bombay and Madras might also yield matchwood in considerable quantity.

RECORD CHRISTMAS ACCIDENTS IN U.S.

664 Killed: Highest Ever

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): Deaths totalled 664 today in America's worst Christmas "accident holiday."

Road accidents killed 515—the highest figure since the record of 555 in 1936—and fires, drowning, falls and similar mishaps killed another 149.

This total covered the period from Friday evening to dawn today.

The total for the Christmas holiday last year was 580.

In Los Angeles the police said the city had gone on the biggest "binge" ever.

A total of 1,222 people were arrested for drunkenness.

In Canada at least forty people died in accidents during the Christmas week-end, 26 of them on the road.

NEPALESE MINISTER MEETS NEHRU

Discusses Draft Reforms

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (UPI): The Nepalese Foreign Minister, Gen. Bijaya Shumsher, who arrived here yesterday with the Nepalese Government's draft proposals for constitutional reforms in Nepal, met Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru this evening, when they were believed to have had a preliminary discussion on the proposals. Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Secretary-General to the External Affairs Ministry, Commanding General Singha, Nepalese ambassador in India and Sardar N. A. Dixit, Nepalese Foreign Secretary were also present at the talks which lasted over half an hour. The talks will be continued tomorrow.

Although no official indication is yet available about the nature of the proposals under discussion, the Nepalese Government is understood to have accepted the suggestions for convening a constituent assembly for framing the constitution of Nepal, as also for reconstitution of the Nepalese Cabinet to include popular representatives. The details in this connection are now believed to be under discussion.

A spokesman of the Nepalese delegation told UPI tonight after the talks that he was "very optimistic" about the result. He, however, declined to throw much light on the nature of the proposals or on the progress of the talks.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

New York Cotton March

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.

Previous Closing	42.95
Today's Opening	43.00
Difference	+ 5
Today's Closing	43.01
Difference	+ 6


MUMMY KNOWS BEST JAMS
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Khade Steers Four Popular Winners

STAMPEDE AT TREBLE POOL WINDOWS

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Friday.

THE consistency with which form horses —each backed down to the ground—followed one another home, contributed to the thoroughly enjoyable afternoon's racing for the large holiday crowds that turned up for the Eighth Day of the Bombay Winter Meeting held today. The score and odd of bookmakers suffered one of the heaviest losses in recent years.

The treble pool which was left unsolved on Sunday last was a great attraction today. There was a mad rush at the limited number of windows and the starting of all the three races of the pool event was delayed by thirty minutes. The pool, however as favourites scored, returned only Rs. 94-8-0 for each five Rupee ticket and long queues waited late after sunset to collect the dividends.

The day's double event pool also had as many as 531 solvers. Each ticket returned Rs. 32 only.

Pandu Khade was in irresistable form. He steered four popular winners, H. R. H. Gold Spa, Chocolate Baby and Sangram during the day.

Chocolate Baby, very judiciously handled by Khade scored the starred attraction, the Aga Khan's Cup run round the course. With the raise of the barrier, Firmament broke away and the winner was chasing him. Below the distance Khade overhauled the leader and sailed to win convincingly. The warm favourite, First Royalty was a poor third and Summer Lightning fourth. Prince Ajit stood like a rock at the gate.

Maharaja of Parlakimedi's Stanbridge won comfortably the Gulliland Plate, a mile event for class I horses. Neola, running for the first time this season was second 1¼ lengths behind.

The following are the results:—

THE NAVSARI PLATE—5 Furlongs.

Maharani Seeta Devi of Baroda's H.R.H. 8-7 P. Khade 1
Mr. S. A. Poonawalla's RECENT VINTAGE 8-7 Purshottam .. 2
Mr. S. S. Kapur's DILBAHAR 8-7 Amir Ahmed 3
Mr. R K. F. Singh's INDY 8-7 Damodar 4

Not run: My Lucky Star, Bright Faith, Eastern Queen, Dev Kanva, Star Money, Dutch Maid.

Won by: 1 3/4 length, 1 1/4 length, Nk.

Time: 1 min. 5 3-5 secs.

Tote paid: Rs. 13 for Win. Rs. 13 and Rs. 30 for Places.

Forecast Pool paid Rs. 46-8-0. Tkts. 193.

Winner trained by B. R. Patel.

THE VELLARD PLATE—Div. II.—1 Mile.

Mr. P. D. Aswani's PESSIMIST 7-8 I. Khan 1
Mrs. G. E. Paul's MARIE LOUISE 8-10 Snaith 2
Mr. Diamond's HAVANA 8-2 Duffy 3
Maharani Chimnabai's ANANT LAKSHMI 8-9 P. Khade 4

Not run: Panditji, Lady Cleopatra, Fowzia and King's Star.

Wonby: 1 1/4 length, Nk., Nk

Time: 1 min. 44 secs.

Tote paid: Rs. 166 for Win. Rs 43, Rs. 22 and Rs. 34 for Places.

Forecast Pool paid Rs. 1,282-8-0. Tkts. 7.

Winner trained by H. M. Sadiq.

THE BORIVLI PLATE—Div. II—7 Furlongs.

M/s. A. C. and Sohrab A C. Ardeshir's FIRDAUSSI 8-12 Devaney 1
Maharaja of Morvi's WAGH MAHAL 8-4 P. Mistry 2
Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Thadani's MAYFAIR LADY 8-1 Mohamedali 3
Mr. K. S. Irani's MAH-I-NAU 8-8 Argade 4

Not run: London Tan, Radio Star, Ruqaiyya, Won Thousand, Short Story Hikmet, Fox Trot, Kickshaw, Titina, Ajinkya Tara II.

Tote paid: Rs. 16 for Win, Rs. 15 and Rs. 25 for Places.

Winner trained by W. Buckley.

THE VELLARD PLATE—Div. I—1 Mile.

Mr. J. R. Bhadani's GOLD SPA 8-1 P. Khade 1
Mr. E. J. Mashal's TASLAROON 8-2 Medhe 2
Mr. P. D. Aswani's PICK MONEY 8-8 S. Shavan 3
Mr. R. K. F. Singh's THE CAVALIER 8-3 Pierce 4

Not run: The Roarer, Time Bomb Royal Guard, Princess, Black Page.

Won by: Shd., 5 lengths, 1/2 length.

Time: 1 min. 41 1-5 secs.

Tote paid: Rs. 26 for Win, Rs. 14, Rs. 29 and Rs. 17 for Places.

Winner trained by Maj. Jadhav.

THE AGA KHAN'S CUP —(About) 1 1/2 Miles.

Messrs. M. A. Ansari and M. H. Alimahomed's CHOCOLATE BABY 7-11 P. Khade 1

Mr. Badridas Daga's FIRMAMENT 7-9 Roberts 2
Mrs. and Mr. Justice's FIRST ROYALTY 9-7 Rickaby 3
Mrs P. Ryland's SUMMER LIGHTNING 7-7 Devaney 4

Not run: Du-Bon-Air, Gang Bhup.

Won by: 1 1/2 length, 3/4 length, 1/2 length.

Time: 2 mins. 37 4-5 secs.

Tote paid: Rs. 53 for Win. Rs. 23 and Rs. 49 for Places.

Forecast Pool paid Rs. 324-0-0. Tkts. 20.

Winner trained by Akbar Khan.

THE OKARA PLATE—1 Mile.

Nawabzada Yemin ul Mulk of Bhopal's KAIYANI 8-1 Kheemsingh 1
Mr. J. R. Bhadani's VIVECA 9-2 P. Khade 2
Mr. K. M. Modi's RUKSHANA 8-5 Medhe 3
Mr. Diamond's GOODWILL 8-9 Rickaby 4

Not run: Gay Pilot, The Duke, Manisha, Khundil, Chand Chakor, The Girl Friend, Game Bid, Near Image, Post Master, Ayaaz, Happy Go Lucky.

Won by 2 1/4 lengths, 1 1/4 length, 1 length.

Time: 1 min. 41 2-5 secs.

Tote paid: Rs. 21 for Win, Rs. 12, Rs. 15 and Rs. 13 for Places.

Winner trained by A. L. J. Talib.

THE C. C. GULLILAND PLATE—1 Mile.

Maharaja of Parlakimedi's STANBRIDGE 7-13 Gilmore 1
Mr. R. J. Gazdar's NEOLA 8-2 Kheemsingh 2
Mrs. S. Seethai Achi's ROADBORNE 7-8 P. Khade 3
Rao Saheb's D. K. Parker's PAPER KING 7-8 Shaikh 4

Not run: Shan-E-Hind.

Won by: 1 1/2 length, 1/2 length, 1 length.

Time: 1 min. 40 3-5 secs.

Tote paid: Rs. 25 for Win, Rs. 11, Rs. 12 and Rs. 13 for Places.

Winner trained by F. W. Northmore.

THE BORIVLI PLATE—Div. I—7 Furlongs.

Maharani Seeta Devi Gaekwar of Baroda's SANGRAM 9-4 P. Khade 1
Mr. Beharilal Dholandas's BANSIWALE 8-10 Pierce 2
Mr. Rustom G. Irani's MAH KHURSHID 7-7 Medhe.
Mrs. A. L. Hutson's GUN DRILL 8-11 Damodar 4

Not run: Mohabat, Princess Dominic, Mirella, Reshone, Pick Pocket, Shirazi.

Tote paid: Rs. 19 for Win, Rs. 14, Rs. 26 and Rs. 34 for Places.

Winner trained by B. R. Patel.

Today's Races At Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 26 (PTI).

Following are the acceptances for the Fifth Day of Madras races, to be held tomorrow (Wednesday). The first race starts at 2-45 p.m.

Mettur Plate—Six Furlongs

Golden Hind 9-4, Grace Darling 9-0 Grey Chance 8-1, Jehangir 8-0, Win Again 8-0, Yaukee Doodle 8-0, Lovely Night 7-8, Brave Lassit 7-8, Fireworks 7-6, Moon Dust 7-4.

Mysore Plate—Five Furlongs

Alma 9-4, Basilian 9-3, Ginger Girl 8-4, Royal Blessings 8-3, Rubayat 8-0, Dauntless 7-12, Past the Post 7-8, Miss Pierrot 7-8, Raj Luxmi 7-4, Dinna Care 7-4, Ranjana 7-4.

New Delhi Plate—One Mile

Press On 9-4, Sonata 8-11, Imperial Majesty 8-9, Ganga Singh 8-9, Fleet Wings 8-9, Blue Train 8-7, Stylish Lady 8-5, Pylini 8-4.

Hajee Sir Ismail Sait Memorial Plate—Six Furlongs

Sicily 9-7, Cromwell 9-6, Georgie 9-6, Sabah al Khair 9-1, Dark Son 8-13, River Venture 8-12, Reviver 8-12, Very Little 8-4, Musena 8-3, Anya Girl 8-2, Kubaira 8-1, Surprising 7-8, Flying Jester 7-7, Klug's Dream 7-4.

East Punjab Plate—Seven Furlongs

Basilian 9-4, Zedai 9-3, Kaffir Chief 8-13, Royal Run 8-13, Black and White 8-13, Just It 8-11, As You Please 8-8, Glad Anne 8-7, Fair Gold 8-5, On and On 8-1, Golden Boy 7-7, Dulari 7-6.

Seringapatam Plate—One Mile

Jonathan 9-6, Dev Kumar 9-4, Double Chime 9-3, Lizalee 8-9, Navroze 8-4, Hooded Terror 8-0, Gipsy Bill 7-13, Crown of Kolapur 7-13, Flector 7-7, Begum Chitor 7-4.

Races selected for Double Event are fourth and sixth.

Races selected for the Treble Event are second, fourth and fifth.

QUEENSLAND HEADING FOR VICTORY

Sheffield Shield Match Against South Australia

ADELAIDE December 26, (PTI-Reuter): Queensland, with nine second innings wickets in hand, need 66 runs to beat South Australia in their Sheffield Shield match here, which ends tomorrow.

Queensland made 298 in their first innings and then dismissed South Australia for 136. Following on South Australia made 239 in their second innings, and Queensland were twelve for one wicket at close of play today.

Graeme Houe of South Australia, who has been talked of as a Test possibility played magnificent cricket for 71 today against the strong Queensland attack, Collin Pinch, opening bat, scored 53.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel

3 p.m. Globe S.C. vs. Mazagaon Dock "B".

4 p.m. Bombay Gas Co. vs. G.I.P. Rly. "D" (Div. III)

5 p.m. G. B. Police "A" vs. B.B. & C.I. Rly. "B" (Senior Div.)

Cooperage

4 p.m. Mazagoan Docks vs. Dockyard "B" (Second Division).

5 p.m. 1 N.S. "Delhi" vs. I. N. Barracks (Inter-Enit. final).

Bombay Gymkhana

4 p.m. O.C.S. vs. Blue Wizards "A"

5 p.m. Bombay Gymkhana vs. Boys Own Club (First Division).

Parsi Cyclists Ground

3-10 p.m. G.I.P. Rly. 'C' vs. Indian Hotels.

4-10 p.m. T. Cook's S.C. vs. Blue Wizards "B" (Third Division).

Railway Sides Have Field Day

DOCKYARD UNLUCKY IN B.P.H.A. LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The two senior division encounters in the BPHA League at the Cooperage this evening provided little of note as the teams seemed to be in a holiday moved like everyone and everything around. GIP Railway beat Dockyard 'A' by the odd goal in three, while BB & CI Railway trounced Goan Sports to the tune of four goals to nil.

BB & CI exerted superiority from the commencement and hardly gave the Goans a chance to pierce the resolute Railway defence and scored twice in each period.

The second game was more even and the GIP Railway managed to survive a gruelling time against Dockyard 'A', and prevailed by two goals to one. A. Fernandes gave the Railwaymen an early lead with a grand goal in the first minute, but four minutes later a penalty bully taken by Ivor Abraham had Quayyum beaten, enabling Dockyard to equalize.

The Railway, however, clinched the issue in the closing stages of the game through Kishen who converted a rebound from goalkeeper Borthwick's pads, after Munir had tested him.

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The game between St. Xavier's Association and St. Xavier's College "B" ended in a goalless draw both sides sharing two points in the Senior Division of the Parel Hockey League at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana ground, Parel, this evening.

Earlier in the evening two matches were played in Division III: In the first match Young Aryans and Indian Tool shared two goals and points Robert Fernandes scored for Young Aryans while L. D'Cruz was responsible for Indian Tool's goal.

In the second match Asbestos Cement and Avery Sports Club also shared two goals. George scored for Asbestos Cement and P. Braganza was the scorer for Avery Spots Club.

Cooch Behar Cup Won By Olney

CALCUTTA RACES

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26, (PTI): Following are results of Calcutta races held today:

The Holy Plate —one mile

Nea Hellas, 7.10 (Mulley) 1; Kalaram 9.4 (Stead) 2; Eastern Mascot, 8.13 (Cracknell) 3; Egyptian Belle, 7.9 (McCloud) 4.

All seven ran.

Won by: 2½L, 4L, 2½L. Time: 1.42 m. 1/5 secs. Tote paid: Rs. 9/- for win, Rs. 7 and Rs. 7 for places. Winner trained by Ali Asker. Favourite—Nea Hellas.

The Warwick Plate —Six Furlongs.

Portoi, 7.8 (E. Warren) 1; Royal Clipper, 8.5 (Stead) 2; Pindus, 9.1 (J. Warren) 3. Aroha Lass, 9.0 (McGaffin) 4; Not run: Charming Kiss. Won by: ½L, shorthead, 2½Ls. Time: one minute, 16-3/5 secs. Tote paid:— (5-Rupee tote) Rs. 46 for win, Rs. 11 Rs. 8 and Rs. 5 for places. Winner trained by Capt. Fowness. Favourite:— Pindus.

The Christmas Plate —1½ miles. miles.

Glion (Raja of Nazarganj) 8.4 (Peacock) 1; Miss Amoya, 9.1 (Cracknell) 2; Audacious, 8.10 (Stead) 3; Easy Passage, 8.2 (Agnew) 4; Not run: Wigs. Won by: Shorthead. 3 lengths and 3 lengths. Time: 2 min. 38-3/5.

Tote Paid (5—Ruppe tote) Rs. 23/- for win, Rs. 9/- Rs. 11 for places.

Winner trained by: Bloss.

Favourites: Peder Miss Amoya.

The Newcastle Plate—six furlongs.

Spring Poem, 9.4 (McCloud) 1; Soft Answer, 8.13 (J. Warren) 2. Corossolier, 8.8 (Fernandez) 3. Admirality, 8.2 (Cracknells) 4. Not run:— Kundan. Won by: 2½Ls, 3Ls shorthead. Time: 1 min. 15-1/5 secs. Tote paid:— (5—Rupee tote) Rs. 15/- for win, Rs. 6, Rs. 9 and Rs. 28 for places. Winner trained by Beedham. Favourite—Admirality.

The Cooch Behar Cup —One Mile, Three Furls.

Olney, 7.6 (Sibbritt) 1; Amidships, 8.6 (Mulley) 2; Pilot Sergeant, 9.4 (Thompson) 3; Motley Hill, 8.3 (E. Warren) 4. Not run:— Orcades. Won by:— 3Ls, and 7Ls. Time:— 2 mins. 24-3/5 secs. Tote paid: (5—Rupee tote) Rs. 11 for win. Rs. 7, Rs. 8 for places. Winner trained by Beedham. Favourite:— Olney.

The Durham Plate —Seven Furlongs.

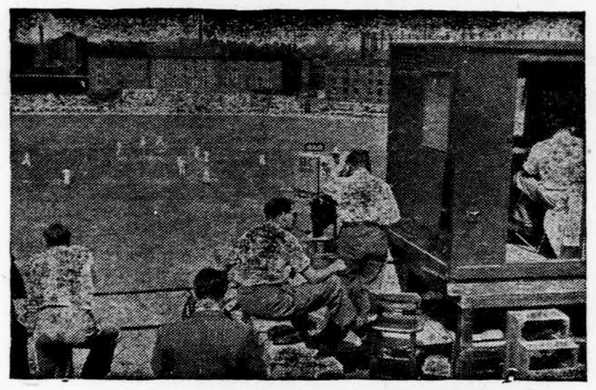
Bold Bob, 4 (Mulley) 1; Kirwick, 13 (McGaffin) 2; Willy Nilly, 8.7 (Davis) 3; Windy Wold, 7.9 (Sibbritt) 4. All ten ran. Won by:— ½L, 6L, 3L. Time: 1 min. 27-3/5 secs. Tote paid: (5—Rupee tote) Rs. 13 for win, Rs. 6, Rs. 10 and Rs. 6 for places. Winner trained by Ali Asker. Favourite: Bold Bob

The Calcutta Plate —1-1/4 miles

Tabassum, 8.7 (Davis) 1; Desert Law, 9.2 (McGaffin) 2; Sport Royal, 7.11 (McCloud) 3; D. F. C. 8.6 (Cracknell) 4; Not run:— Surrender, Dulhan, Bold Boy, Berkeley Hunt. Won by:— Shorthead, 3Ls, 1L. Time: 2 minutes 15 secs. Tote paid (5-rupee tote): Rs. 36/- for win, Rs. 13, Rs. 11 and Rs. 5/- for places. Winner trained by Maj. Fowness. Favourite: Sport Royal.

Treble Tote:— 83 tickets Rs. 697 each.

Televising Cricket



Televising cricket during a Test Match at the Oval, London.

NINE-WICKET VICTORY FOR TOURISTS

W. Bengal Governor's Team Again Out For Small Total

CALCUTTA, December 26, (P.T.I.).

THE COMMONWEALTH TOURISTS celebrated the Christmas season with a 9-wicket victory over the West Bengal Governor's XI here today with more than half a day to spare. This is their eigth victory in seventeen first class matches including "Tests".

They performed this feat after being dismissed for 171—their lowest total during the tour—with a lead of just five runs which further enhanced their reputation as the strongest bowling side ever to visit India.

Having dismissed four of the home batsmen yesterday for 82 runs, the visitors undoubtedly had the advantage but the failure of the remaining batsmen today literally made a present of the match to the visitors.

With Nirmal Chatterji unable to bat with a fractured thumb, the Governor's side were left with just five wickets all of which crumbled in number fortyfive minutes for 24 runs, being all out at 106.

Needing 102 runs for a victory the visitors, in spite of losing Fishlock at 6, knocked up 97 in 65 minutes play at the scheduled time for lunch. As there was no point in postponing the agony—for the home side of course—till after the lunch the rival captains agreed to extend play, and the remaining five runs were scored in as many minutes.

West Bengal Governor's XI (1st Innings) 166
Commonwealth (1st Innings) .. 171

West Bengal Governor's XI (2nd Innings)

A. Dasgupta b Ridgway	37
B. Dasgupta lbw Ridgway	11
P. Roy lbw Tribe	14
S. Bose b Tribe	0
B. Frank b Dovey	3
P. Sen lbw Tribe	5
C. S. Nayudu c Dovey b Tribe....	17
S. Banerji run out	1
P. Chatterji not out	1
M. Banerji run out	1
N. Chatterji did not bat.	
Extras	16
Total	106

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Ridgway	15.5	4	25	2
Dovey	10	5	9	1
Tribe	16	4	52	4
Dooland	1	0	4	0

Commonwealth (2nd Innings)

Gimblett not out	66
Fishlock lbw Banerji	2
Emmett not out	33
Extras	1
Total (for one wicket) ..	102

Poona 'Varsity Score 251 Runs

HYDERABAD, Dn. Dec. 26 (PTI): Poona were all out for 251 runs at close of play today, first day of their match against Madras in the Inter-University Cricket Tournament being conducted here.

ANDHRA 'VARSITY OUT FOR 336

HYDERABAD DN. Dec. 26 (PTI): In the match between Andhra and Annamalai in the Inter-University Cricket Tournament, which began here today. Andhra, batting first, were all out for 336 runs. Annamalai had made six runs for no loss at close of play.

MADRAS SCHOOLS TEAM IN ZONE FINAL

BANGALORE, Dec. 26 (PTI): Madras qualified today to meet Hyderabad in the South Zone final of the All-India Schools Cricket Tournament for the Cooch Behar trophy by virtue of their first innings lead over Mysore. Mysore were all out in their first innings for 205 runs in reply to Madras first inninigs score of 286.

SOUTHERN PUNJAB BAT ALL DAY

PATIALA, Dec. 26 (PTI): Southern Punjab had made 368 runs for the loss of eight wickets at close of play in the North Zone match of the Ranji Trophy tournament today, Bhide batting with 123.

IMMACULATE KNOCK BY ADISESH

Mysore University Hits Up 358 For 3

HYDERABAD, Dec. 26 (PTI).

Mysore today skittled out Travancore for 70 runs and piled up a huge total of 358 for three in their first innings at the close of the first day's play in the South Zone of the Inter-University Cricket Tournament which began on the public school grounds here today.

The match was highlighted by an immaculate innings by L. T. Adisesh of Mysore, who remained unbeaten with 172 runs at the end of the day's play.

He also helped G. B. Ramesh, who played a faultless innings for his 120 runs, to put on 245 runs for the third wicket. Adisesh's 172 included fifteen hits to the ropes, while there were eleven boundaries in Ramesh's score.

TRAVANCORE (First Innings)

G. Vishwanath c Krishnaswamy b Adisesh 25, T. Mukundaan c Adisesh b Kasturi Rangan 0, R. Krishnamurthy st. Narayan b Krishnaswamy 3, G. M. Menon c Parthasarathy b Krishnaswamy 0, P. M. John b Adisesh 14, John Francis b Kasturi Rangan 4, Shivdas c Subbu b Adisesh 0, Padmanabhan c Krishnaswamy b Kasturi Rangan 2, C. R. Rao not out 3, G. N. Srinivasan b Subbu 0, K. Ramachandran b T. D. Krishna 3, Extras 16, TOTAL 70.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/2; 2/16; 3/18; 4/51; 5/58; 6/58; 7/60; 8/65; 9/67 and 10/70.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Kasturi Rangan 8-6-3-3; B. R. Patel 3-1-9-0; L. T. Adisesh 10-4-19-3; A. S. Krishnaswamy 3/18; 4/51; 5/58; 6/58; 7/60; 8/65; Subbu 1-0-3-1.

MYSORE (First Innings)

S. Narayan b P. M. John 10, G. B. Ramesh (run out) 120, B. R. Patel b Ramachandran 23, L. T. Adisesh batting 172, P. S. Viswanath batting 17, Extras 16, TOTAL (for three wickets) 358.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/12, 2/62, 3/307.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: P. M. John 17-2-55-1; Ramachandran 25-0-100-1; Shivadass 3-0-14-0; C. R. Rao 19-0-108-0; Srinivasan 6-0-42-0; G. M. Menon 5-0-23-0.

ICL VERY NEARLY MAKE THEIR EXIT

Equaliser In Last Minitue Of Game In Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 26, (PTI): India Culture League, Bombay's leading football team, narrowly escaped defeat today when they equalised in the last minute of the game, in the replay against Tilak Moti, in the first annual Challenge Cup Football Tournament here.

While the Bombay team's forward line moved very smoothly, ably led by Parab, their defence proved rather weak and but for custodian Arikianathan's brilliant display, the Culture League would have made their exit.

The second replay is fixed for tomorrow.

RAJASTHAN TO MEET MOHAN BAGAN

Durand Cup Football

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26, Rajasthan (Calcutta) qualified to meet Mohan Bagan (Calcutta) in the semi-finals of the Durand Cup Football Tournament today by scoring a convincing three-goal-to-nil victory over the Frontier Club.

In a dull game Rajasthan forged ahead from the first minute and scored two goals through their forward Raman.

The local team found the core of Rajasthan defence impenetrable, despite a better share in exchanges.

AUSTRALIANS DISMISSED AGAIN FOR LOW TOTAL

England Requires 151 Runs To Win With 8 Wkts. To Go

MELBOURNE, December 26, (PTI-Reuter).

ENGLAND with eight second innings wickets to fall, required 151 runs for victory when third day's play of the second cricket Test against Australia ended here today.

England dismissed Australia in their second innings for 181 runs today and at the close had scored 28 for two wickets.

A crowd of over 60,000 watched an exciting day's cricket in which 12 wickets fell for 184 runs. The pitch looked to be hard and true early in the day but later it gave the bowlers some assistance and the batsmen always had to struggle for runs.

England may have to bat a man short because John Dewes was today confined to his bed with influenza and may not be able to bat tomorrow. His place in the field today was taken by twelfth man Arthur McCintyre.

If England get the necessary runs tomorrow they will gain their first success over Australia in a test match since 1938 when they won at the Oval in London.

Australia looked set for a big score when they resumed their second innings which closed on Saturday night at 25 for no wicket in ideal weather this morning.

After scoring 82 for one wicket by lunch, however, they lost six wickets for only 89 runs during the afternoon and tea was taken at 151 for seven. The last three batsmen added another 30. Freddie Brown, England's captain, had the best bowling figures, taking four wickets for 26 runs in 12 overs four of which were maidens.

England started their bid to get 179 runs with just under an hour left to play. They lost two wickets, those of Washbrook and Bailey, for 21 runs in that time. Simpson and Hutton were the not out batsmen.

John Dewes Now Fit To Play

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): John Dewes, the English test cricketer, who had been unable to field during Australia's second innings in the second Test at Melbourne, is almost certain to bat tomorrow if required.

He had been confined to bed in his hotel with high temperature. After medical attention his temperature dropped and the doctor allowed him up for dinner and a short walk today.

SCORE BOARD

AUSTRALIA (1st Innings)	**194**
England (1st Innings)	**197**
AUSTRALIA (Second Innings)	
Archer c Bailey b Bedser ..	46
Morris lbw b Wright ..	18
Harvey run out ..	31
Miller b Bailey ..	14
Hassett c Bailey b Brown ..	19
Loxton c Evans b Brown ..	2
Lindwall c Evans b Brown ..	7
Tallon lbw b Brown ..	0
Ian Johnson c Close b Bedser ..	23
Bill Jonhston b Bailey ..	6
Iverson not out ..	0
Extras ..	15
Total ..	181

Fall of wickets—1 for 43, 2 for 99, 3 for 100, 4 for 126, 5 for 131, 6 for 151, 7 for 151 8 for 156 9 for 181.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Bailey 15|3|47|2; Bedser 16.3|2|43|2; Wright 9|0|42|1; Brown 12|2|26|4; Close 1|0|8|0.

ENGLAND (Second Innings)

Simpson batting ..	10
Washbrook b Iverson ..	8
Bailey b Ian Johnson ..	0
Hutton batting ..	2
Extras ..	8
Total (for 2 wickets) ..	28

Fall of wickets—1 for 21, 2 for 21.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Lindwall 3|0|6|0; Miller 2|1|4|0; Ian Johnson 4|1|6|1; Iverson 4|1|4|1.

SYDNEY SUMMER CUP WON BY BALLROOM

SYDNEY, Dec. 26, (PTI-Reuter): Mrs. N. J. McRobert's and Mr. R S Burnstein's Ballroom (Zeau Vite-Dolay Bian) won the Sydney Summer Cup of £2,000 over one mile five furlongs here today by a head from Great World with Crown Street third in a field of 13.

Ballroom, carrying seven stone was ridden by F Clarke, and started at 12 to 1. Great World (7/9) was a ten to one shot and Crown Street (7-1) was at odds of 20/1.

Crown Street's rider R Binder, forced the pace from the start, closely followed by Barry Smith on Great World.

Ycoval, a hot odds on favourite, began to make his run half a mile from home but with three furlongs to go was still in the centre of the field. Soon afterwards Clarke threw out his challenge on Ballroom, narrowly beating Great World, while Crown Street took third place three quarters of a length away. Ballroom's time was two minutes 48 seconds.

BOMBAY & BENGAL TO MEET IN FINAL

Inter-State Table Tennis

COLOMBO, Dec. 26 (PTI).

By their victories over Mysore and Madras, Bombay and Bengal qualified to meet each other in the final of Men's Inter-State Table Tennis Championships of India, now being played in the King George Fifth Hall of the University of Ceylon.

One of the best matches of this morning's play was between R. Bhandari of Bengal and T. Thiruvengadam of Mysore. Bhandari, after taking the first set at 21-8 was leading 20-15 in the second set requiring only one point to win the match. Thiruvengadam, as if inspired, played very cleverly, returned almost "impossible" balls and took seven points in a row to win the set. This proved a turning point and Thiruvengadam claimed a well-deserved victory.

The following are the results:

BOMBAY BEAT MYSORE 5-2: H. Kanchand (Bombay) beat K. M Rajarao (Mysore) 21-23 21-19, 24-22 M. V. S. Vittal (Mysore) beat S. P. Sampat (Bombay) 21-16 21-14. U. M. Chandarana (Bombay) beat C. Ramaswamy (Mysore) 21-11, 21-7. Vittal (Mysore) beat Kanchand (Bombay) 24-22, 21-10. Chandarana (Bombay) beat Rajarao (Mysore) 21-9, 21-12. Sampat (Bombay) beat C. Ramaswamy (Mysore) 21-18, 12-21, 21-11. Chandarana (Bombay) beat Vittal (Mysore) 21-18, 21-5.

BENGAL BEAT MADRAS 5-2: B. Bhandari (Bengal) beat V. S. Murugesh (Madras) 21-10, 21-12. T. Thiruvengadam (Madras) beat Jayante De (Bengal) 21-17, 21-13. K. Jayant (Bengal) beat N. Krishnamurty (Madras) 18-21, 21-13, 21-17. Thiruvengadam (Madras) beat Bhandari (Bengal) 18-21, 22-20, 22-20. Jayant (Bengal) beat Murugesh (Madras) 20-22, 21-12, 21-15. Jayant De (Bengal) beat Krishnamurty (Madras) 21-9. 25-23. Jayant (Bengal) beat Thiruvengadam (Madras) 21-12, 21-16.

VASANT BEATS KOVALESKI

National Lawn Tennis

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26, (PTI).

VASANT, India's number five beat Kovaleski, USA's No. 15 in straight sets in the men's singles of the National Lawn Tennis Championships at the South Club here today.

He will now meet Dilip Bose in the quarter-final. The India no one, beat P. Seshadri. I. Dorfmann (USA) who easily disposed of K. B. Madan in straight sets will meet S. C. Misra, also in the same round.

In the men's doubles, S. C. Misra and S. Davidsson (Sweden) entered the semi-final beating Vishnu Mohan and P. Seshadri at 6/1, 6/1, 6/3. They will now meet A. J. Mottram and Iftikhar Ahmed or G. Vasant and I. Tloczynski (Great Britain).

In the women's singles, all the foreign stars, including Miss Dorothy Head (USA) and Mrs. A. J. Mottram (Great Britain) moved up into the quarter-final. Mrs. R. Anderson (USA) who swept Mrs. C. E. Cargin off her feet conceding only five games will oppose Mrs. A. J. Mottram in the quarterfinals.

Following are the results:

Men's Singles

Dilip Bose beat P. Seshadri 6/2; 7/5, 6/1; I. Dorfmann (U.S.A.) beat K. B. Madan, 6/3, 6/1, 6/2; G. Vasant beat F. Kovaleski (USA). 6/2, 8/6, 6/3.

Women's Singles

Miss D. Head (USA) beat Miss V. Alexy 6/0, 6/1; Miss L. Woodbridge beat Miss M. Human 6/4, 6/2; Mrs. R. Anderson (USA) beat Mrs. C. E. Cargin, 6/2, 6/3; Mrs. A. J. Mottram (Great Britain) beat Mrs. S. R. Mody, 6/2, 6/1.

Men's Doubles

S. C. Misra and S. Davidson (Sweden) beat Vishnu Mohan and P. Sheshadri 6/1, 6/1, 6/3; K. B. Madan and N. Kumar beat J. E. Tew and W. H. S. Michelmore 7/5, 6/0, 6/0.

Mixed Doubles

S. C. Misra and Mrs. S. R. Mody w.o. Sahani and Mrs. Sahani; Iftikhar Ahmed and Miss L. Woodbridge beat Afsar Hussain and Miss V. Alexy, 6/1, 6/2; J. Drobny (Egypt) and Mrs. R. Anderson beat Major Anand and Mrs. Katre 6/0, 6/0.

ROBINSON'S MAGNIFICENT KNOCK-OUT WIN

FRANKFURT, December 26 (PTI-Reuter): "Sugar" Ray Robinson, American Negro world Welterweight champion knocked out Hans Stretz, former German Middleweight champion in the fifth round of a ten-round non-title fight here last night.

It was Robinson's last fight in Europe before returning to the United States.

Stretz was down in the first half minute and it was near the end of the first round before he landed his first blow. He was down twice in the second round for Robinson was obviously trying for a quick knock-out. Stretz fought back with lefts and rights in the third round but Robinson was hit in the face in the fourth round for the first time. He replied towards the end by knocking Stretz down twice. The bell saved Stretz from being counted out.

Stretz started the fifth round shakily and was down almost at once but he got up quickly. He went down again. This time he came up at the count of eight, toppled over and was out.

CITY MARKETS

SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, Dec. 26.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially closed today and will re-open on January 2nd. Tata Steel Defds. were nominally quoted at Rs. 1937/8.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 26.

The local bullion market was quiet today on small profittaking induced by technical considerations.

At the opening forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 188/- and declared at Rs. 187/6 on increased profittaking. At the decline there was scattered covering and the market steadied at Rs. 187/8.

Ready mint Silver was quoted at Rs. 187/4 and spot bullion was placed at Rs. 187/-.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 111.15, and after declining at Rs. 112/5 steadied at Rs. 111/8. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 11/4 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 75/12.

Silver declined at Rs. 187-2 but recovered on short covering. Closing quotations were as under:—

Ready silver	187	2	0
Forward	187	10	0
Ready gold	112	0	0
Forward	111	15	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 26.

The local produce market was very steady with good spot demand. Quotations were as under.

Groundnuts Khandesh	47	12	0
Groundnuts Madras	47	4	0
Groundnuts Bold	46	12	0
Groundnuts Oil Mills	25	8	0
Groundnuts Oil R. Receipt	24	14	0
Linseed Bold	44	0	0
Linseed Indore	44	4	0
Castorseeds	50	0	0

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Market Steady

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (PTI): The market ruled steady round all sections. Amongst miscellaneous issues, Karanpura Development and Angelo Bros were strong features. Karanpura Collieries, C.I. Coal and Talchers in coals were also marked up satisfactorily. Sugars kept steady. The following are today's final transactions upto 3 p.m.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 3 per cent Loan 1986 93, 3 per cent Loan 1953/55 100-3 s. lot, 3 per cent Loan 1957 100 s. lot, 3 per cent Loan 1963/65 97-14 s.o. lot, 3 per cent Loan 1966/68 97-10, 3 per cent Loan 1970/75 96-10 s. lots.

BANKS: Bharat 2-15, Calcutta National 13.

COTTONS: Bowreah 305, Cawnpore Textile 9-13, Elgin Mills 18-4, New Victoria ordy. 2-4, do pref. 4-1.

COALS: Amalgamated 36-10, Bengal 554, Bharat Colliery 7-8 Burrakur 14-8, Churulia 5-2, C.I. Coal 6-9, East Indian 45-8, Karanpura Collery 95, New Beerbhoom 19-4, New Manbhoom 27-12, Sendra 25, South Karanpura 27-12, Talcher 3-8, Western Bengal 6-12.

JUTES: Agarpara 16-8, Barnagore 252, Birla 48, odd lot, Budge Budge 244 Chitvalasah 27-12, Dalhousie 203, Fort Gloster 461, Howrah 36-3, Lansdowne 212 s l. National 28-8, Presidency 6-12, Reliance 24-10, Nuddea 81-12.

ENGINEERING: Brit Building and Iron 5-2, Indian Iron 33-7, Indian Standard Wagon 93-8, Indian Steel and Wire Products 55, Jessop and Co. 19-10, Kumardhubi Eng. 7-10, Marshalls 9, National 5-2, Saran Eng. 9-10 Steel Corpn. 23-15, Textile Machinery 7-1.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 2-12, Consolidated Tin 1-12, Indian Copper 3-5, Karanpura Dev 25-8, Sone Valley Cement 7-5, Alkali and Chemical 17, Calcutta Electric 15-15, Angelo Bros 34-3, BIC 9-9, British Ceylon Corpn. 12, Dunlop Rubber 45-8, F and C Osler 5-3, Indian Cable 21-12, ex rights, Indian National Airways 3-4, Jardine Henderson 167-8, Martin Burn 17-4, National Tobacco 18-14, Rohtas Industry 5-8, BB Petrol 1-9, Orient Paper 51, Shree Gopal Paper 12-9, Titaghur Paper 29, Assam Saw 8-5, India Steamship 7-10.

SUGARS: Belsund 7-5, Carew and Co. 10-2, Darbhanga 11-14, Murree Brewery 5-6, Ramnugger Cane 16, Raza 14-8.

TEAS: Banarhat 380, Hantapara 195-8, Namburanadi 9-14, Jultibari 12-2 Nagaisurree 198, Gillapukhuri 18-10.

MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE

MADRAS, Dec. 26 (PTI): The following are today's quotations in the Madras stock markets:—

Govt. of India loans: Three per cent paper 93/-, ditto 1986 93/1, ditto 1970/75 97/4, Govt. of Travancore loan Three per cent 1952/54 101/6, Govt. of Madras loan Three per cent 1960 98/10.

BANKS: Travancore 13/-.

PLANTINGS: Blue Mountain 3/2, Chandramalai 2/15, Chembra 504, Cochin Malabar 8/10/6, Coffee Lands 12, Cons Coffee 21/4, Coonoor Tea 24/14, Coorg Tea 7/4, Devashola 17/4, Kailas 2/6/6, Kalasa 13/8, Kalpetta 24/4, Malankara 71/-, Midlands 8/12, Neelamalai 3/13, Nellampathy 1/14, Nilgiri Tea 11/14, Ouchterlony 8/1, Peermade 58/8, Pullangode 2/6, Puthuthottam 4/12/6, Rajagiri 7/6, Sheveroy 1/9, Thirumbadi 3/13, T R and T Co. XD 8/12, Vaikundam 14/1/6, Waterfall 3/5/6.

TEXTILES: Balasubramaniam 47, Bang Woollen 275/-, Buckingham 144/-, ditto Pref. 190, Cambodia 12/13, Coimbatore C M 175/-, ditto Pioneer 121/-, ditto Spg. 56/8, Lakshmi 76, Madura 36/8, Mettur 387/-, Radhakrishna 151, Rajalakshmi 90/12, Ranga Vilas 58/8, Trav. Rayons 5/3/6, Trichinopoly 14/4, Vasanta 133/4.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 72/-, F A C T 7/2, India Cement 15/14, ditto Pref. 97/8, Indian Steel Rolling 8/-, Mettur Chem. 6/1, Mysore Chem. Fert. 9/8.

Burden Of Foreign Tongue Must Go

RAJEN BABU'S PLEA

Call For Re-Orientation Of Educational System

NAGPUR, Dec. 26, (PTI).

THE PRESIDENT DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD ADDRESSING THE 30TH CONVOCATION OF THE NAGPUR UNIVERSITY TODAY PLEADED FOR RE-ORIENTATION OF THE WHOLE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF INDIA.

He said: "Keeping in view the swift progress that is being made in the world in the industrial sphere through the application of modern science, if India has to secure a respectable position for itself in that sphere it has become absolutely necessary that our whole educational system should be re-orientated."

Dr. Prasad said that it was absolutely necessary for "our development and the realisation of the creative emergency in us that our own language should be the medium of education."

It was the duty, he added, of all universities and other educational institutions that they should change their mental outlook as also their syllabus and medium of instruction. The foundations of the present educational system were laid to produce administrative officials for the British Government and therefore in the syllabus and courses of the study prescribed in the universities not much attention had been paid to the integrated and call round progress of the country.

Referring to the lack of agricultural education in India, Dr. Prasad urged that the country's educational system should be given a very important place too and lay main emphasis on agronomy and other sciences related to agriculture. The educational institutions should have arrangements for textile education and possess statistics.

SARDAR'S TASK UNFINISHED

Addressing the graduates, Dr. Rajendra Prasad reminded them that they were about to enter a wider sphere of life at a time and in circumstances when India was facing extremely complicated problems and difficulties and for the solution of which all possible caution was required. He said the necessity of caution and co-operation had become all the more great on account of the death of Sardar Patel.

"The responsibilities that have fallen on us on account of the departure from our midst of such an unrivalled soldier and statesman are not ordinary or simple in measure. He was busy in the task of recreating and consolidating our country after the advent of freedom and he had not been able to finish it before he was taken away from us. That task has yet to be completed. It is the special responsibility of the youth of this country and particularly of the educated amongst them to complete it successfully."

GANDHIJI'S PRINCIPLE

Dr. Prasad said he would draw the attention of the scholars and students to only one of Gandhiji's fundamental principles for, it was in the light of that principle that they had to deliberate upon subjects of importance and to discover the means whereby they could make the educational machinery serve their purposes. "We have to examine the inherent purposes of all the institutions into which the different aspects of our life are woven and to discover what changes in the character and constitution of each of such institutions are necessary in the changed circumstances in order that they may be able to fulfil these purposes.

The system, the medium and the course of education were probably useful and appropriate to the circumstances of the age when these were established by the founders of the present day educational system. But they did not fit with the circumstances of the present-day and therefore a basic and fundamental change in them appeared to be necessary.

It was but plain, Dr. Prasad said, that the foundations of the present-day educational system were laid to produce administrative officials for the British Government and therefore in the syllabus and courses of the study prescribed in the universities not much attention had been paid to the integrated and all round progress of the country.

ALIEN TONGUE

The first feature of the system was that an alien language had been made the medium of education. This enabled the production of such people who could assist the English people, through their knowledge of the English language. In running the administration of the country so that there might be the least necessity for the latter to learn the language of this country and the literature enshrined in it during the period of their administrative service in this country and they might thus be freed from all the trouble and botheration attendant upon the learning of a foreign language or the study of an alien literature. 'It is unnecessary for me to reiterate that it is now acknowledged by all educationists and scholars as also administrators that education imparted through the medium of the mother-tongue proves most beneficial to the child and to the development of its mind and character. Thus while we have no doubt learned and benefited greatly from the study of English literature yet there cannot be any doubt that we have lost our creative energy and have become mentally paralysed to a very great extent as a result of having had to learn every thing through English."

TWO STEPS

Dr. Prasad said that for the success of Indian languages as mediums of education, two kinds of steps were necessary. "In the first place you have to prepare and popularise a lexicon of such terms as your languages either did not have altogether, or if they had, the terms were not sufficiently popular, for expressing the notions of such scientific subjects as are entirely new to us. I find that even in this direction your University and Government have been active and I would like to congratulate you all for that as well. The other step that seems to be necessary is that the syllabus as well as the educational method of our institutions should be appropriately changed. I am afraid that necessary steps in this direction are not being taken as yet and I would like not only this University but other Universities as well to pay adequate attention to this problem."

"The University Commission suggested the establishment of rural universities. We have also before us the plan of education proposed by Gandhiji. Are we to remain slaves of the past practices even when these schemes and proposals are before us? My feeling is that our educational system would serve its true purpose only if it is integrated to the whole life of the Indian people instead of being merely related to the administrative system as it has been so far.

EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURE

"Integration to the life of the Indian people implies in the first instance that such subjects should be taught in our universities as would directly promote economic development of our country. Everybody knows that agriculture is the foundation of our economic structure. Whatever may be the industrial progress in our country in future and I think it should and shall be an allround one, yet I am convinced that agriculture shall continue to be our main and most important industry. If I am right in this view it is evident that our educational system should give a very important place to and lay main emphasis on agronomy and other sciences related to agriculture. If we look into the syllabi of the universities we find that agriculture and related sciences find a very secondary place in them.

"What an irony it is that in an agricultural country like India there should be almost a complete lack of agricultural education. One of the main reasons why our country is a deficit country in the matter of its food and why our agriculture is not profitable unlike what it is elsewhere is that there has been almost a total negligence of modern agricultural education in our country and whatever little arrangement exists today is also such as does not create any interest among the students for agricultural work but only makes them fit for filling some place in the administrative machinery of the Government. If our agricultural education is to be of any use, it is necessary that it should be in our own language and in terms of the conditions of our country and above all should be much less expensive than what it is today. It is only then that it would directly lead to the improvement of our agriculture.

"Similarly, I believe that there should be arrangements in our educational institutions for textile education. I would not like to go into more details in this connection and would content myself by suggesting that there should be a close relationship between the syllabi of our educational institutions and the economic life of our country."

STATISTICS

"The second point on which I would like to lay emphasis is that our educational institutions should possess statistics which can provide necessary information as to how many educated workers are required in any particular economic sphere and on the basis of this knowledge educational institutions should guide students to make a choice of subjects that they are to study there. I think this could be conveniently arranged if there were close liaison between the educational institutions, particularly the universities and the organizations of industry, public service and agriculture, existing within any State. Often, it happens today that a student passes quite a good part of his life in studying a subject which proves of no use whatever to him after he has completed his education. If, however, education is imparted under a plan of this type I think much of the energy of the youth and the money of the country would be saved from being wasted."

TRIBUTE TO RAJEN BABU

Earlier, Pandit Kunjilal Dubey, Vice-Chancellor of the Nagpur University, in his introductory speech, described Dr. Rajendra Prasad as "an embodiment of the spirit of non-attachment in Indian culture, guardian of our national inheritance of political purity and a man without enemies."

He said that Indian universities were particularly proud that one of their former professors was occupying today the highest office in the gift of the nation.

4 Killed In Explosion

MADRID, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): Four men were killed by an explosion yesterday in the San Jorge mine at Moreda near Oviedo, in the Asturian region.

HAPUR MARKETS

Pulses Rule Firm

HAPUR Dec. 23.

The foodgrains market in U. P. remained quietly steady. There has been little activity in the markets as trade stocks have been nominal. Gram, maize and other creals that are yet available have registered a good price advance. It is reported that the foodgrains stock position with the State Government has not improved since the wheat ration cut was made in November although as announced by the Governor the cut may be restored from January 1.

The pulses market have reacted very bullishly to the difficult food situation and the continued drought in northern India. Peas and arhar futures have recorded appreciable advance in prices. The two pulses are being despatched to eastern districts in the State in moderate quantities. The following are the current quotations: gram 18/- maize 18/8 bejnar 15/12 peas green 15/8 white 18/- jeth 15/3/3 arhar ready 15/14 jeth 15/8 urd 18/12 moong 19/- to 21/- and masoor 21/-.

The guwar futures remained very excited and only at very high price advance there were equally heavy profit covering liquidations bringing in train some fall on prices. Ready is quoted at 12/8. Fagan future touched 11/15/9 earlier this week and is presently quoted at 11/13.9. There was good turn over.

GUR MARKET

The market remained fairly steady. Arrivals averged 4,000 to 6,000 mds. per day. There was very good demand from deficit areas and there were good desptaches to Saurashtra, Gujrat West Bengal and Rajasthan. There was some inquiry from C. P. and Berar also. Daily despatches averaged 10 to 12 wagon loads. Unauthorised price deals particularly for F. O. R. consignments continued but the difference between the market rate and the ceiling price fixed for the area is steadily narrowing down.

OIL AND SEEDS

The markets remained steady and there was some rise in groundnut prices in sympathy with outside advises. There was little business in rapeseed and mustardoil sections. Current prices are: sarson 32/8, tarareed 25/- to 27/8 groundnut 21/- to 25/12 oilcake 13/2 cottonseed 15/4 mustardoil 85/- linseedoil 64/8.

NON FERROUS METALS

There was good advances in prices in many sections. This was due to the restrictions put upon exports by many countries in view of the threatening international situation. The stock position in India iss not very assuring. Prices in the local market are: brass 2/3 copper 2/4 zinc 2/4 patra 3/1 Kansi 4/5 lead 1/8 gillet 2/2 aluminium scrap 1/12 per cent.

BULLION

The market for silver futures remained very steady and despite errat movements in between the trend at the closing has been very steady in sympathy with higher Bombat davises and strong bulls interested manipulations. The ready turn over was small. The gold section remained quieter but there was an increase in offtake and that lead to some price advance also. Current prices are: silver forward 187/11 gold 109/12. These are the highest for the week also.

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, Dec. 26.

120 Ready Japan	8	14	0
150 Ready Japan	9	0	0
120 Ready Italy	8	2	0
150 Ready Italy	8	2	0
150 D. Box Jan.		1565	
150 D. Box Feb.		1555	

Chinese In Malaya Persecuted

PEKING ALLEGATION

LONDON, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): China will not allow British "persecution of Chinese in Malaya," a Chinese Communist Government official said in a Peking Radio broadcast according to Tass, the official Soviet news agency yesterday.

Tass reported that the official, Peng Tzi Min, a member of the Peking Government's Overseas Affairs Commission said "the British colonialists have transformed Malaya into a prison. Thousands upon thousands of overseas Chinese have been arrested and imprisoned severely beaten, killed or deported."

He called Britain's policy two-faced "because she recognised Communist China and at the same time showed hostility to the Chinese people," Tass said.

MRS. VIJAYA LAKSHMI

NEW YORK, December 26 (PTI-Reuter): Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi, Indian Ambassador to the United States, is to attend a press conference here convened by the American Emergency Food Committee for India, today.

An announcement by the newly-formed Committee organised to support India's request for two million tons of American foodgrains said that Mrs. Pandit and other Indian Embassy officials "will answer questions concerning the present disastrous food crisis." Members of the Committee, among them Walsh and Mrs. Walter White "will discuss the situation with respect to American aid."

Iraqi Cabinet Reshuffled

BAGHDAD, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): Prime Minister Nuri Pasha Es-Said announced yesterday a reshuffle of the Iraq Cabinet.

Eustafa Umari, Omar Nadmi and Haji Mohamed Hassan Kabba, all Cabinet Ministers become Ministers without portfolio. Abdul Majid Mahmoud, until recently Director-General of the Agricultural Bank becomes Minister of Economics in place of Dr. Dia Jajafar who is to be Minister of Communications and Works.

Abdul Wahad Marjan who was Minister of Communications and Works has been appointed Minister of Finance. The other members of the Cabinet remain in their former posts.

Dr. Prasad To Visit Mysore

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE, Dec. 26: The University of Mysore will confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws on India's President, Dr. Prasad, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Law Minister of the Government of India.

President Rajendra Prasad is expected to visit Mysore in the first week of March.

UNIQUE WORLD-WIDE BROADCAST

Messages On Christmas Day

LONDON, December 26, (PTI-Reuter).

PEOPLES of many nationalities celebrating Christmas joined together in a world-wide reunion broadcast on the B.B.C. before King George the Sixth delivered his Christmas message.

Actor Robert Donat in London introduced farmers, steel workers and athletes and many others speaking from every Continent.

From Europe came the voices of displaced children. Athletes gathered in Christ Church, New Zealand, sent a message and an immigrant family spending their first Christmas in Australia spoke of their homeland.

An American family in Massachussetts was visited and children broadcast from a new town in the Punjab, India.

British Servicemen in Korea sent Christmas messages home to Britain where the microphone visited several homes and a Welsh steel foundry which was still in operation during Christmas.

A Marine Command Sergeant in service in Malaya spoke immediately before the King.

The 23-year old Sergeant Dennis Bulpett was given special leave in Singapore to make the broadcast.

His 20-year old wife who has not been able to spend a Christmas with her husband since their marriage in 1947 listened to the broadcast with her two children Michael, nearly two years old and Ind Linda Joyce, six weeks.

One Of Russia's Famous Scientists Dead

LONDON, December 26 (PTI-Reuter): The Russian academician, Lev Berg, President of the Soviet Geographical Society and Professor of Leningrad University, died on Christmas Day at the age of 75, according to the Tass, official Soviet News Agency.

Two years ago Berg staked Soviet claims to Antarctic territory in a series of articles in Soviet periodicals.

Berg, one of Russia's most outstanding scientists, was the author of more than 500 works on zoology, geology, paleontology and other subjects.

Austrian President Ill

LONDON, December 26 (PTI-Reuter): Vienna radio reported that the Austrian President 80-year old Doctor Karl Renner was taken ill last night. The report quoted an announcement of the Austrian Federal Government issued yesterday.

It said the President would not be able to attend to his duties for probably several weeks. But doctors said there was no need for undue anxiety, the report added.

Food Situation In Ahmedabad District Precarious

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 26.

'Train to Mouth' is the food position of Ahmedabad District since last year and no steps have been taken to fill up the gap created since that time. Reasons for this are obvious.

Ahmedabad District is a deficit area in food grains by 50,000 tons yearly. Ahmedabad District is mainly a land of wheat, bajri and maize crops.

The food position which is considered to be a "Train to Mouth" affair is mainly due to inadequate supply and failure of khariff crops. Last year Ahmedabad District was suffering from famine which was unique in the last 50 years. Out of seven talukas four were severely affected by famine. Government tried its level best to help these areas by giving food and seeds which were available. Procurement and other steps did not cope with the serious situation.

FORCED LOAN

This year 2,000-tons of wheat was given to Mehsana District for seed purposes. Ahmedabad District was not in a position to give this quantity but was ordered by higher authorities to do so. Due to heavy rains bumper bajri crops in Dehgam taluka did not come upto expectation. Locusts destroyed at least 2,000 acres of jowar crops in 41 villages. The current year sowing was a failure due to heavy rains and locusts which made the food position precarious. Ahmedabad District has to supply food grains to more than 15-lakhs human souls which are absolutely non-agriculturists. This situation is engaging serious attention of the authorities.

Ahmedabad District hailed the decision of the Food Ministers Conference at Bombay regarding continuance of food controls in rural areas.

NOT ENOUGH CROPS

Crops in Ahmedabad District are sufficient for four months only in case of full-formed season and in this year merely rabi crops and paddy crops are good but local paddy quota is distributed in ration quantum which will be slackened in the latter part of the year and at that time people will have to depend on foreign rice quota.

Though the food situation in Baroda District is not very satisfactory, still it gets its food allotments regularly and there is no cause of anxiety regarding immediate supplies, said the Collector of Baroda, clarifying his previous statement regarding food scarcity.

The Collector further stated that present stocks and new supplies were expected to last for the current month. Some surplus rice stock would be carried over to the next month. Reports of acute food scarcity in Chhota Udepur taluka are without any foundation. No anxiety of food prevails in Baroda District, he concluded.

PREPARATIONS FOR A.I.C.C.

Brisk preparations for the ensuing AICC session in Ahmedabad are going on and it is learnt that the Gujarat Vidyapith will be the venue. Members in charge have drawn up maps of the place and prepared some plans. It is learnt that the authorities are preparing plans for water, electric, and telephone exchanges. Special telephones will be supplied for the AICC. It is further learnt that the session will be open for a restricted audience, while loud speakers will be placed for the common people outside the pandal.

The shepherd community in Patlad taluka is stunned to hear that an old man of 60 is trying to marry a girl of about 12 years of age, To stop this child marriage steps have been taken. Due to a death in the old man's family, the marriage has been put off but is intended to take place in the near future it is learnt. Steps have been taken to stop this child marriage, it is learnt.

Race Against Communism In Indo-China

FORMER FRENCH ENVOY'S OPTIMISTIC NOTE

PARIS, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter)

M. LEON PIGNON, former French High Commissioner in Indo-China arrived at Orly Airport from Saigon yesterday.

General Jean De Lattre De Tassigny recently succeeded him as Hign Commissioner. M. Pignon received on his arrival a telegram from ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam, Head of the State of Vietnam saying "be assured that my people will always count you among their most sure and devoted friends".

M. Pignon said that on his way home he had had a long talk in Singapore with the British Commissioner-General for South-East Asia Mr. Malcom MacDonald and an interview lasting more than an hour in Delhi with Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

"I gave Mr. Nehru at his request as concise and objective a survey as possible of the situation in Indo-China", he said.

"The three Associate (Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos) now enjoy an independence the reality and sincerity of which cannot be contested," M. Pignon added.

"The political ground is well cleared and our action in this field would have given results in all others including the military field, if communism had not made a determined effort in favour of the Vietminh (Communist-led insurgents).

"It is thanks to Communist China that Vietminh recouped itself.

OPPONENTS' STRENGTH

"Several times we hoped to win the race and establish in Vietnam a situation sufficiently solid to discourage, with the aid of diplomacy, any possible Chinese intervention.

"It cannot be concealed that our opponents have been faster and more determined than the Western Powers.

"If the military situation in Tonking is now precarious and heavy with threats we are at least in order with regard to the three associated States and international opinion.

"Most of the obstacles which opposed the establishment of active co-operation in South-East Viet-nam are now smoothed away".

TIE CREATES TROUBLE

SYDNEY, Dec. 26

Tram drivers and conductors struck in sympathy when a depot master refused to let a conductor go on duty without a tie.

Trouble ended when a transport department chief met union officials and agreed that conductors didn't have to wear ties in hot weather so long as they left the top button of their shirts undone.

PAKISTAN AS 'IDEAL MUSLIM STATE'

Liaquat Ali Khan's Call

DACCA, December 26 (PTI): Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, said yesterday that they had achieved Pakistan to make it "an ideal Muslim State" and it was their duty to fulfil their promise to the world not only by words but also by action.

The Pakistan Premier was addressing a meeting held here this afternoon to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mr. Jinnah.

He said that Muslims should try to ameliorate the condition of the poor in accordance with the principles of social justice.

HATTED MEN ARE IN MAJORITY

British Investigation

LONDON, (By Air Mail).

Results of the first three months of a nation-wide survey, show that just over half of Britain's men wear hats.

An investigation is being carried out by the Hatters' Information Centre to find out the hat habits of men in different parts of the country.

This survey, which began in October will be continued until all areas of Great Britain have been covered.

Street polls show that in Manchester, 61 per cent of the men are hatted. In Birmingham, only 39.6 per cent wear hats. The overall percentage in the southern country of Sussex is 61.9 per cent hatted as against 38. 1 who go bareheaded.

The most popular hat is the snap brim or trilby.

Choice of colours varies.

Men in Manchester like black for formal wear and brown for informal. Investigation in Birmingham shows that England's second largest city favours black for formal wear and grey for informal. Men in Sussex like grey and black for formal occasions and brown and grey for informal.

The Hatters information Centre, which is organising the survey, was started nearly two years ago by eight manufacturers elected by the British Hat Manfacturers' Federation. It acts as a liaison between the hat industry and the customer. —(PTI-Reuter).

POLICE OFFICIAL GETS 7 YEARS' R. I.

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec. 26: Mr. Mushtaq Ali, Officiating Sub-Inspector of Police, Tharparker District Sind, has been sentenced to seven years' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 1,100 on charges of corruption. Five other police officers have been convicted under the drive to end bribery in Pakistan.

All these cases were decided during the last week alone while many more are still pending before various courts.

The Advisory Committee of the Karachi Municipal Corporation, by an unanimous resolution, has demanded the enforcement of total prohibition in Karachi. A number of members, speaking on the resolution characterised drinking as a vice totally forbidden in Islam and therefore urged that it should be banned at the earliest opportunity.

Walker's Body In Japan

TOKYO, December 26 (PTI): The body of Lieut-General Walton H. Walker, Commander of the United States Eighth Army, who was killed in a jeep accident in Korea on Sunday was taken today to the Yokohama Chapel.

It will lie there until about December 30 when the body will be sent to the United States.

The body was carried to the Chapel from General Walker's home in Yokohama where his widow, a son and a few intimate relations attended a memorial service yesterday.

'U.S. Planes Violated N.-E. China'

LONDON, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): A Peking newspaper alleged today that American planes had violated the air space of north-east China seven times on December 21. The Soviet news agency Tass relayed the report in a message received in London.

It added that at 8-10 a.m. on Dec. 21, American planes machine-gunned Changpai District in the Antung Province of Manchuria and dropped bombs, wounding a peasant.

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TRUMAN CUTS SHORT HIS HOLIDAY

Back To Washington For High-Level Talks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, (PTI-Reuter).

PRESIDENT Truman was returning here today for discussions tonight with the Secretary of State Dean Acheson and the Secretary of Defence General George Marshall.

A sudden announcement was made yesterday that the President would be cutting short his Christmas holiday with his family in Independence, Missouri, to return to Washington.

At the same time, the Presidential Press Secretary Mr. Joseph Short announced that nothing new or critical had developed to cause the conference.

Mr. Short said the Washington talks would take place at Blair House tonight and would concern these things:

1. The arrangements being made for Geneal Dwight D. Eisenhower's departure for Europe to take the Supreme Command of the newly-created combined West European Defence Force;

2. The requirements for the situation in Korea in the light of Chinese Communist activity there and

3. Problems of studying preparedness at home.

The President's Secretary said Mr. Truman's decision to put forward the time of his return to the capital, originally scheduled for Wednesday afternoon came as a result of telephone conversations with General Marshall and Mr. Acheson.

The time of tonight's Blair House Conference has not been set Mr. Short said it would be decided after the President's return and that Mr. Truman would talk to the two Cabinet members and to General Omar N. Bradley, Chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff before setting a time.

General Bradley would also take some part in the conference Mr. Truman plans to leave Kansas City Municipal Airport at 2000 GMT today. He flew to Kansas City from Washington last Friday.

Pravda Hits At Russian Bureaucracy

LONDON, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): Pravda, Communist Party newspaper, today accused the Central Soviet Press Union—the organisation charged with distributing and selling newspapers and periodicals—of having "failed to meet the requirements of Soviet readers, according to Moscow Radio.

The paper said the Ministry of Communications, whose control up to now had been weak, should "remove bureaucratic obstacles to the good distribution of newspapers and periodicals."

The principle laid down by the Communist Party of recruiting staff on political or business merits was violated by the Press Union, and executives in many departments "owe their positions to personal connections."

Papers were held up in warehouses and sorting centres "thereby causing great harm to the Soviet Government and to the cause of Soviet enlightenment," Pravda said.

Tommies Retaliate

SINGAPORE, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): After a British soldier had been killed and five others seriously wounded in a hand grenade explosion in Ipoh last night, a group of British troops marched into a nearby Chinese cabaret and wrecked it.

Soldiers ordered out dancers and then smashed the piano and drums, broke the cafe crockery and wrenched out electric fittings.

The British soldier killed was attached to Number Two RASC Company at Ipoh. Five wounded from the same unit consisted of a Lance Corporal and four other ranks.

A Chinese woman and a Chinese merchant were also injured in the explosion.

German Consulate In Pakistan

KARACHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): The Government of Pakistan have agreed to the opening of a consulate of the Federal German Republic (West Germany) in Karachi, it was officially announced today.

LIAQUAT LEAVES FOR KARACHI

Meets Deputations In Dacca

DACCA, Dec. 26 (PTI): Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan on the conclusion of his eight-day tour of East Bengal left for Karachi by the Governor-General's Viking this morning.

The Prime Minister yesterday received a number of deputations including one from the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League, and another on behalf of the Central Committee of Democratic Federation, which was formed here recently to draw up alternative basic principles for the constitution of Pakistan.

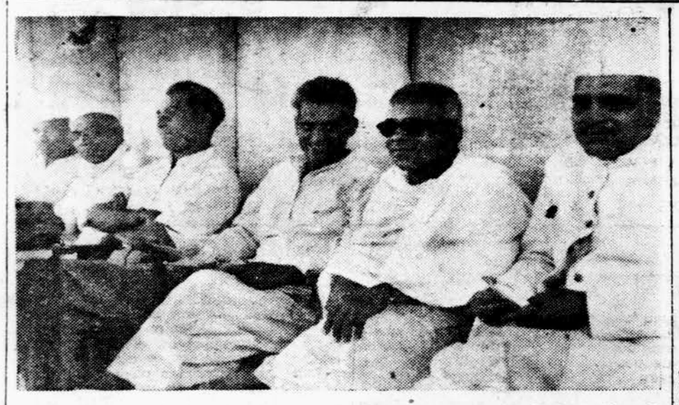
The deputation on behalf of the Awami Muslim League submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister which drew his attention to some of the problems concerning East Bengal. The deputationists wanted the Basic Principles and Fundamental Rights Committees's reports as submitted to the Pakistan Constituent Assembly to be rejected and asked for the alternative principles as drawn up by the Dacca Convention rcently to be accepted.

LIAQUAT HAS NOTHING NEW TO SAY

KARACHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan Prime Minister, said today: "There cannot be any new plan for the solution of the Kashmir problem, the only plan is a fair and free plebiscite."

Mr. Khan told reporters at Mauripur airport that the Security Council would "stultify itself" if it did not implement the two UNCIP resolutions on Kashmir of August 13, 1948 and January 5, 1949.

The time-loss due to industrial disputes recorded a steep-fall from the peak figure of about 49.8 lakhs in September to about 22.7 lakhs during October.



Maharashtra Rashtriya Mazdoor Congress held at Amarnath, Dec. 24 and 25: (right to left) Dr. Antrolikar, Mr. Shankarrao Deo, Mr. Chanooshing, Mr. Vasantrao Naik, Mr. Naik-Nimbalkar, and Mr. Vamanrao Yardi.

DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF FREEDOM MOVEMENT

Compilation Of Material

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (UPI): The Indian National Congress Secretariat has set in motion the work of compilation of materials which would be required for writing a full history of the freedom movement in India.

The Congress General Secretary, Mr. Mohanlal Gautam, has in this connection, issued a circular to all the PCCs. as well as all the subordinate Congress Committees directing them to preserve all their old records specially relating to the period of 1920-1947 and not to destroy them.

Mr. Gautam has also asked the PCCs. and through them the District Congress Committtees to approach important persons in their respective areas and request them to jot down from their memory important events which may be known to them regarding the freedom movement in various districts. Such jottings, he add cculd then be collected by the Provincial Congress Committees for being utilised for the purpose.

A 'PILLFUL' OF DISTASTE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI).

Prime Minister Nehru today described himself as a "very bad example" from the point of view of the pharmaceutical industry.

"I have hardly taken medicines or pills or drugs in my life except very rarely," he explained amidst cheers while addressing the Chemical Manufacturers' Association. There was a roar of laughter when he added, "but I have no doubt others stand in need of them and I have no desire to deprive them of these products."

The Prime Minister took the opportunity to criticise advertisements of "some potent and powerful pills for people"

Looking at newspaper advertisements and the rest, he said, the manufacture of such pills would appear to be one of the main industries in the country

Being "completely unacquainted with the taste or effect of those pills," he had acquired an extreme distaste for the people who manufactured those things and advertised them frequently.

Amritsar continues to be in the grip of the cold wave and the minimum temperature is below the freezing point.

INDIAN PROFESSOR TO WRITE WAR HISTORY

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (UPI): The Government of India have deputed Dr. Bisweswar Prasad, formerly Professor of History in the Allahabad University, to write a history of the Second World War.

In his book Dr. Prasad has, it is understood, been asked to add a chapter on the history of the freedom movement in India.

Dr Prasad has, in this connection, requested the A.I.C.C. Secretariat to make available to him relevant records of the freedom movement, particularly those relating to the period of 1920-47.

Movement Of 'Kapas' Prohibited

SIMLA, Dec. 26 (UPI): Under the Cotton Control Order, 1950 the Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has by a notification prohibited the movement of 'kapas' by rail, road, or water from any place within any state to any place in India outside that state says a press note.

No persons can, therefore, from December 2, the date of publication of the notification, transport cotton or 'kapas' from any place in the Punjab state to any place in any other state either by rail, road or water, the press note adds.

Any person violating this order will be guilty of contravening Clause 18 of Cotton Control Order, 1950.

BENEFITS TO D Ps

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26: In order to maintain a proper check, the Government have decided that all benefits accorded to displaced persons shall be accorded only on his registration and or ration card. Complaints were often made that displaced persons sometimes benefited themselves twice from one and the same relief aud thereby deprived others.

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (PTI-Reuter): Rear Admiral Ralph A. Offstie has been appointed Commander of the American Far East Carrier Task Force Seventeen, it was officially announced here today.

Only One Way To Drive Out Spurious Drugs

Raise Standard, Do Research

CALCUTTA, December 26, (P.T.I.).

THE Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. B. C. Roy, said here today that if pharmaceutical products in India were to be developed, co-operation between the public and the authorities was of utmost importance.

Dr. Roy, who was inaugurating the third session of the Indian Pharmaceutical Congress said that in India there was still a large quantity of spurious medicines in the market.

He emphasised that drugs manufactured should be properly standardized and tested. For this, every pharmaceutical association should insist on having a good research laboratory of its own.

The Chief Minister said the bulk of the drugs used in India was imported from abroad. It was shocking to find that in times of distress they had to depend on foreign medicines. He expressed the hope that Indian pharmacists would in the near future produce drugs which would do good not only to India, but to the whole world also.

A COMPLAINT

Dr. Jnan Chandra Ghosh, the eminent Indian scientist, who presided, said that it was often stated that the Indian public had no confidence in some of the drugs made in India, and many practising medical men often prescribed medicaments of foreign origin in preference to indigenous ones. This was a complaint which should be looked into carefully by joint committees of representative medical associations, chemical manufacturers organisations and pharmaceutical associations.

If the Drug Control Act functioned properly and the active co-operation of all the parties concerned was assured, there was no reason why all substandard preparations should not be rigidly excluded from the Indian drug market and the complete confidence of the Indian public gained in the immediate future.

INS "Rajput" At Singapore

SINGAPORE, Dec. 26, (PTI): The INS "Rajput' arrived here yesterday on its way to Australia to take part in the Commonwealth of Australia Jubilee celebrations. The "Rajput" will remain off Singapore for five days.

Programme of sports and entertainment has been arranged for the officers and men of the "Rajput", including a party at the British naval station. The functions will be wound up with a party by the acting representative of the Government of India.

NEED FOR A STRONG MERCHANT NAVY

Mr. Mavlankar's Advice To "Dufferin" Cadets

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

MR. G. V. MAVLANKAR, Speaker of the Indian Parliament, told the cadets of the Training Ship "Dufferin" here today that a strong merchant navy manned by qualified personnel was "one of the important and prime necessities in maintaining the country's economy and trade with the whole world."

Mr. Mavlankar who was presiding over the annual prize distribution gathering of the cadets said that "our chief problem of the day is to create the necessary qualified personnel for an all-round advance in our present condition."

He asked the cadets to remember that when they went out of the ship into the wide world their behaviour should be always above reproach. "Outside India the world will look upon you, as representatives of Indian philosophy and culture of Indian way of life and of Indian character." He added that even an apparently small thing in the behaviour of a man was an indication of his make-up and "therefore, you cannot be too punctilious even in the minutest details of your behaviour."

DIGNITY OF LABOUR

Mr. Mavlankar continued that though the training on the ship had to be of special nature, he was happy to learn that attention was also being paid to the all-round make-up of the cadets. He was particularly impressed by two of the items on the routine programme, viz., prayers and "cleanship".

Referring to the increasingly materialistic trend in the world today, he said that the "crying need of today is to spiritualise our life." As regards the item "clean-ship" Mr. Mavlankar said that it was of great importance as it taught the dignity of manual labour.

"If we really wish to set up a new order of society, aiming at the equality of men, aspiring for social and economic justice, we must now have a different test of valuing men." He suggested that "basic values such as character, love for all, spirit of selfless service and willingness to do manual work without feeling the loss of dignity" and not ealth or intellectual attainments, should be the criteria of the greatness of status of men

NEW SYSTEM

Captain Superintendent M. F. S. C. Harvey in his annual report of "Dufferin" for the year 1950 said the training of the cadets under the new system of a two-year course had gone forward satisfactorily. He added that since the inception of the Training Ship 23 years ago 1,062 cadets had joined the "Dufferin" out of which 142 were still in training."

The President's Gold Medal presented by the President of the Republic of India was awarded to Senior Cadet Captain R. Swaminathan. The Chairman's Prize presented by the Hon. Mr. Sri Prakasa to the Cadet obtaining the highest marks in vocational subjects also went to him.

The Governing Body Prize presented to the Cadet who stood second in competition for the President's Gold Medal was awarded to Senior Cadet Captain S. Jain.

After the distribution of the prizes by Mr. Mavlankar there was a ceremonial march past of the cadets. Among the prominent persons who were present on the occasion were Rear-Admiral and iMrs. Barnard, the Director-General of Shipping, Mr. S. Jaganathan and other high-ranking naval officers. The ship was "dressed" for the occasion and wore a festive appearance.

Cargo Ship Aground On Fire

WELLINGTON, Dec. 26, (PTI-Reuter): The 7,126 ton Montreal cargo ship "Ivor Jenny", earlier reported on fire between Panama and Suva, Fiji, was today aground on Horse-Shoe Reef, about 100 miles from Suva.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to re-float her this morning and another attempt will be made later if the weather is fine although it is expected to be unsettled in the future.

Fire was first reported on the "Ivor Jenny" on December 5. The ship left London on November 6 with general cargo for Wellington.

SAIGON, Dec. 26, (PTI-Reuter): A French outpost at Binhlieu, Tonking, about 20 miles from the Chinese border was attacked last night by Viet Minh forces, a French military spokesman announced here today. No details of the attack have reached Saigon.

EXAGGERATED CLAIMS

Nepal Embassy Clarifies

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): The Nepalese Embassy here today described as "highly exaggerated" the report that the Nepali Congress are now in possession of 30,000 square miles of Nepalese territory.

A communique issued by the Embassy said: "It is a fact that they have occupied Biratnagar, Bhojpur and Chainpur in East Nepal and Kailali Kanchanpur in West Nepal. But to suggest that these towns comprise thirty thousand square miles is, to say the least, to deceive one's self".

The communique added: "The Nepalese Government have not received any reports yet about the activities of the raiders from the outlying district of Doti (West Nepal). But it must be admitted that owing to lack of speedy means of communications it take a few days for reports to arrive from such districts.

"Claims made about the occupation of other districts are absolutely baseless".

Regarding the report that seventy Ranas had quitted the Nepalese Army the communique said: "The fact is that on December 24 the proposals for political reforms, which the Government of Nepal had drawn up, were put before the parliament, the Bharadari (Council of Elders) as well as all sections of government. There was some heated discussion, and about forty Ranas, officers not belonging to the roll of succession, raised the question of resignation, but later on withdrew the suggestion unconditionally.

"The reports that these Rana officers tore up the copies of the draft proposals after reading them is an absolute fabrication, and bears no relation to fact".

POLICE FIRING NEAR IMPHAL

Surrender Arms Call

IMPHAL, Dec. 26 (UPI): One person was killed when the police had to open fire in self-defence and thirty men and a few women were taken to custody by the police in co-operation with the Manipore Rifles and Assam Rifles from the Bishenpur Road, area, seven miles west of Imphal.

It is reported that Manipur police along with the men of the Manipur Rifles and Assam Rifles, continued their hunt for the last three days in the village of Habi, and adjoining areas on Bishenpur Road, where recently a village mob had snatched away three rifles and one Tommygun from a police party who had gone there to arrest an absconding Communist leader. High police and other officials are constantly touring these affected villages to recover the arms but without any success so far.

The police authorities, it is learnt, have asked the people to surrender the arms and the men concerned within three days, failing which the involved villages would be cordoned off and searched by the military authorities.

NOWGONG CONGRESS RESIGNATIONS

Representation Squabble

GAUHATI, Dec. 26 (UPI): According to information received here, the members of the Working Committee of the Nowgong District Congress Committee has resigned following differences in the Committee meeting held on December 17 over the question of representation of the district on the AICC.

A resolution was moved in the meeting urging upon the house to proceed with the election of Working Committee members for the province as the new definition set by the AICC of "effective members" excluded a vast percentage of old members leaving only a few in the district entitled to cast votes.

There was heated discussion over the issue and as a section of the Committee failed to subscribe to this view, the previous Working Committee resigned en bloc.

A new Working Committee was formed with Shri Haladhar Bhuyan as President.

Steamer Refloated

LONDON, Dec. 26, (PTI-Reuter): The 7,242 ton British steamer "Domingo De Larringa" reported aground at the mouth of the river Tees yesterday was refloated early today and was proceeding to Middlesborough, according to a Lloyds message received here

PAGE CONTROL ON DAILIES

Order Issued

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): By a Government of India newsprint control order issued today, the maximum number of pages which a daily newspaper can publish during a week of seven days, with effect from January 1, inclusive of any supplement or special edition is sixty.

The order also prescribes that all newspapers and dealers in newsprint shall submit regular returns every month relating to the stocks, consumption or disposal of newsprint to the Ministry of Industry and Supply.

A press note issued by the Ministry of Industry and Supply says: "In view of the growing world shortage of newsprint and considering that the prospects of availability of newsprint for 1951 are not bright, the Government of India have issued a Newsprint Control Order which will come into force with effect from Monday, January 1, 1951.

ECONOMISING

"The object of the order is to economise the use of newsprint in the country. The order limits the maximum number of pages which a daily newspaper can publish during a week of seven days, inclusive of any supplement or special edition, to sixty.

This restriction will not, however, apply in the case of paper other than newsprint. The order also prescribes that all newspapers and dealers in newsprint shall submit regular returns every month relating to the stocks, consumption or disposal of newsprint to the Ministry of Industry and Supply, New Delhi.

"It will be remembered that the newspapers have voluntarily been imposing restrictions on their own newsprint consumption; the present order merely seeks to strengthen the hands of the newspapers by enforcing statutory restrictions."

THE HUMANITY OF A CHILD

Radhakrishnan's Address

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (UPI): Children must know their own history and learn from their men and materials, observed Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, India's Ambassador to Moscow, addressing the young boys and girls of the 'Sab Peyechir Ashar', a children forum run by the Bengali daily "Jugantar" today.

"Nobody can really be great", he said "unless he has the heart of a child. Children are nearer to reality, nearer to humanity. We are all born human beings, we became, by training, Hindus or Muslims or French or Germans. But nobody should act in a way to supersede his humanity. However much we may be indoctrinated into follower of this or that religion, this or that political ideology, the fundamentals of humanity cannot be superseded.

"You must try to be a child that is to be free from every kind of bigotry and intolerance to be full of generosity for your neighbours, even if they do not belong to your particular faith'

Dr. Radhakrishnan said: "We can mould children in any pattern we desire. The Nazis, Bolsheviks, the British people and Americans try to mould their children into a set pattern, but the essential humanity of a child must not be destroyed. To be a child is to be essentially human".

In this world, Dr Radhakrishnan added, all talks of division were in fact unreal and "unity of human races is the fundamental factor".

The Rantalai Tragedy

Cholera Death Roll Mounts Up

CUTTACK, Dec. 26 (PTI): The death-roll of Rantalai visitors suspected of cholera admitted in the Orissa Medical College Hospital at Cuttack rose to 193 till 8 p.m. yesterday compared with 186 on Sunday night. The admissions now total 854 against 843 on Sunday. The eleven admissions during the last 48 hours are stated to be from Cuttack town.

Two special trains ran from Puri yesterday and today to facilitate the evacuation of Rantalai visitors who are still stranded there

SHEIKH ABDULLAH

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (UPI): After four days' strenuous programme in Calcutta, the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Sheikh Abdullah left this afternoon by air for New Delhi en route to Srinagar.

His concluding programme was the All-India Music Conference now in session here.

NEW DELHI: Sheikh Abdullah arrived here today from Calcutta. He is leaving for Jammu tomorrow morning.

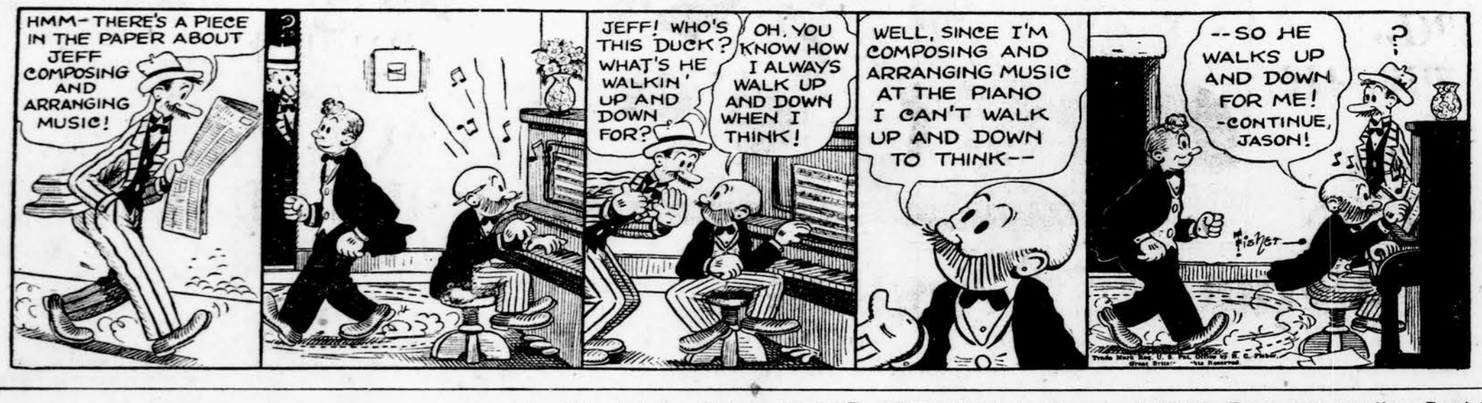
Indian Roads Congress

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (PTI): The fifteenth annual session of the Indian Roads Congress will be held in Calcutta from the 18th to the 24th February 1951. Nearly three hundred highway engineers from all over India are expected to attend the session which will be presided over by Mr. A. C. Mukherjee, Chief Engineer, Uttar Pradesh.

Indian Elephant In Istanbul

BEYOGLU, December 26 (PTI-Reuter): Mohini, the female baby elephant presented to Turkish children by Mr. Nehru on behalf of Indian children arrived at Istanbul yesterday.

MUTT AND JEFF—And So Far, Jeff Has Not Got As Far As Chopsticks — By BUD FISHER



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